جوردان تايمز يومية سياسية المستربية عن المؤسسة الصحفية الاردنية الراي،

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait ended the world's worst oil field disaster with opulent ceremony on Wednesday after taming the last of 732 wells torched in the Gulf war. The entir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, flicked a remote-control switch that sealed the "last" well after firefighters — their equipment freshly painted quenched a 50-metre column of fire which had been reignitied for the occasion. The last of the actual Gulf war fires was extinguished without fanfare earlier in the day in northern Kuwait. It had burned longer than expected because of shifting winds. Smoke from Kuwait oil fires formed a 1,000 kilometre plume which blanketed much of the Gulf for several months since February, blotting out the sun and causing record low tempera-tures. Hundreds of oil lakes, formed by spilled crude, still dot the emirate's desert. The well where the ceremony took place, 40 kilometres south of Knwait City, had been brought under control

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tradi defence minister replaced

NECOSIA (Agencies) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein removed his defence minister wednesday and replaced him his linerior Minister Ab Hassan Al Majeed, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. A presidential decree said Defence Minister Hossein Kamel Hassan had been relieved of his duties. Mr. Maied, who played a leading role in crishing post-Gulf war rebellions in the Kurdish north, will con-linue to act as interior minister for the time being, INA said.

UFO sighted in northern Israel

TEL AVIV (AP) - An unidentified flying object (UFO) was observed in the skies over northern Israel early Wednesday, police reported. "It was a shining object, quite large as compared to other sky objects seen at the time." a police said. Police was first informed about the UFO at about 3:30 a.m. (0130 GMT) by a local taxi driver. The Itim news agency quoted the driver as saying the UFO resembled a shining half-ellipse. "We came to the area where the UFO was seen and we followed it while driving east ... it was in the air at the height of about 200 metres until the morning hours," the driver said. 'Then at about 6 a.m. it disappeared." Asked to describe the mysterious object's flight, he said: "It moved to some point, stopped, made turns around itself and after several minutes moved in the northern direction and then back to the spot where it has initially stopped. "It cannot make assumptions and decide what it was. This is what I saw ... police force was with us and they saw the same picture."

Arab ailies in war to meet in Cairo

CAIRO (R) - The foreign ministers of six Gulf Arab states, Syria and Egypt are due to meet in Cairo Sunday to discuss regional security plans and the Arab-Israeli peace talks, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa said Wednesday, Mr. Musa told reporters the ministers would discuss implementation of the Gulf security accord reached in March and "achieving cooperation between the eight states in the fields of security, politics, economy and information." Mr. Musa said the ministers would also discuss preparations to start the second phase of the Middle East peace talks after last week's peace conference in Madrid.

Joseph Skaf dies

BEIRUT (R) - Joseph Skaf, a prominent member of the Lebanese parliament and a former cabinet minister, died of a heart attack in Paris Tuesday, officials said. Mr. Skaf, 69, from the town of Zahleh in the eastern Bekaa Valley, served in several governments and was defence minister when Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982. His death reduced the number of deputies in the 108-seat assembly to 106 and gave Muslims a two-scat majority, the officials said Wednesday. the last general elections in Lebanon were in 1972. The government appointed 40 new de-

SLA: No prisoner release expected

TEL AVIV (AP) - The com-South Lebanon was quoted by Khiam prison. Freedom for Arabs held in the militia's prison for releasing nine Western hosthis point we have freed enough prisoners from Al Khiam and we are not freeing additional prison-ers at this point," Antoine Lahd of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia, was quoted as saying by the daily Haaretz and radio stations.

now, if a demonstration develops TEL AVIV (R) - South African and it is not violent the comman-President F.W. de Klerk will pay der in the field will consider the a three-day visit to Israel next correct manner to disperse it," he. week, the foreign ministry said. Wednesday.

Delegation returns from Madrid, satisfied case

presented to the world

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to the Madrid peace conference returned to Amman Wednesday to a warm welcome by His Majesty King Hussein, and expressed satisfaction that they successfully presented the Jordanian and Palestinian case to the world community from the Spanish capital last week.

King Hussein shook hands with the returning delegates, who were accompanied by their advisory and media committees and members of the Jordanian and Palestinian press. Also welcoming the group, which attended the U.S.-Soviet sponsored peace conference, were Prime Minister Taher Masri, Palestine Ambassador Tayeb Abdul Rahim, Jordanian officials and families of the delegates.

Although still unsure of the venue of the next round of talks with Israel, the jubilant-looking head of the Jordanian negotiating team, Abdul Salam Majali, described the beginning of the historic conference as a success as he returned home with his Palestinian colleagues.

"I think we have succeeded," Dr. Majali told journalists, adding that the Palestinian and Jordanian identities had now become clear to the world.

"The Palestinian people and land were in the hearts, in the cars and in front of the eyes of

new Golan Heights settlement

within hours of its peace talks

with Arab states, saying it's "hard for us to see" how that helps the

Mr. Baker also said Tuesday a

two-week consultation period is

needed before Israel and the

Arab states can decide on when

and where to hold follow-up talks

to their historic negotiations in

line," Mr. Baker said. "The pro-

cess needs at least two weeks" for

the peace conference representa-

tives to return to their countries

and consult with leaders on the

He made the comments in a

news conference with reporters at

Asked about Israel's inaugura-

tion of a new Jewish settlement in

the occupied Golan Heights, Mr.

Baker said: "Yon know our atti-

the White House.

"That's not an ironclad dead-

Madrid.

Baker rebukes Israel for

settlement, sets 2 weeks

world, in every village, every room and every chuh," Dr. Majali said. "And that is a great success

He added that the conference, which was covered worldwide by the international media and in many cases live on television, had also proven wrong the Israeli claims that "Jordan is Palestine."

The Jordanian identity was very clear and we hoped that we clarified in the minds of the people that Jordan is no more Palestine as the Israelis claimed," Dr. Majali stressed.

Commenting on whether there were any indications that Israel would eventually withdraw from the occupied territories, Dr. Majali said he hoped that Israel's talk of peace would change into

The leading Jordanian delegate told reporters that the negotiating priority for the Kingdom with the Israelis in the next round of meetings would be Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, but that this issue could not be a precondition to the negotiations.

The issue of the settlements is the very first thing to be discussed us and by the Palestinian delegation, and by the Arah de-legations," Dr. Majali said, adding that an Israeli freeze of settlements would not be a precondition because "you have to put a procedure first and then set the agenda." The spokesperson and advisor

possibly every person in the for the Palestinian delegation, Hanan Ashrawi, said that the strategies for dealing with the issue of Israeli settlements were being worked out by the Arab

parties in the conference. Dr. Ashrawi told reporters upon her arrival that ongoing Arab coordination was continuing and that the issue of settlements "will be the focus of a concerted Arah effort."

The Palestinian delegation, headed by Gaza Physician Haidar Abdul Shafi, had demanded that Israel put a halt on Jewish settlements in the Arab territories it occupied in 1967 as a confidencebuilding measure hefore the negotiations for peace started.

The joint delegation held two sessions of bilateral talks with the Israeli delegation in Madrid. The first meeting was purely

procedural, so you cannot start hy saying I will not work out procedural issues until you halt settlements'," Dr. Ashrawi said. She said that it was not the first time that the Palestinian people meet with the Israelis, being the occupier, but that it was the first time that the meeting was on an equal basis.

"It is the first time we force them (Israelis) to sit face to face on the same table on an equal basis and to recognise the fact that we are a people with national rights; with an identity they had tried to eradicate all this time,

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Israel: Issue of for decision on talks venue site for WASHINGTON (Agencies) - it very clear. And it's... hard for Secretary of State James Baker us to see how inaugurating a new has rebuked Israel for opening a settlement now can help the negotiating process that we've just finished launching." could be Just getting the parties to the table in bilateral talks was a

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's spokesman said Wednesday that Israel would be willing to listen to other proposals for where to hold bilateral talks with Arab states if the Mideast were definitely ruled

outside the region. Cyprus said Wednesday it was

peace talks. Israel wants the talks beld alternately on its own soil and that of each Arab state. Syria

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker on Tuesday called on Israel and the Arabs to decide within two weeks where the next round of Middle East peace talks should be held.

"If there's no agreement ... we will feel free to submit proposals" on a site to follow up the meeting in Madrid, Mr. Baker told a White House news conference.

"obviously consulting with the Americans as well" on the issue: of bilateral talks, saying that together we will reach some sort-

On Wednesday, the daily Haaretz reported that Israeli officials would secretly meet Syrians in Europe and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation in the occupied territories to choose sites for the hilateral talks.



His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday receives members of the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to the Madrid peace conference upon their return to Amman. The King greets (clockwise) Abdul Salam Al Majali, head of the Jordanian team in the delegation, and Hanan Ashrawi, a member of the Advisory Committee of the Palestinian side, and Dr. Majali speaks to the press at the airport





King, Arafat discuss outcome of peace conference, next moves

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein received at Al Nadwa Palace Wednesday Palestine President Yasser Arafat and reviewed with him the outcome of the first phase of the Madrid Middle East peace conference.

The King and Mr. Arafat also quirements of the next stage in the peace process, the Jordan News Agency, Petra said. His Royal Highness Crown

Prince Hassan was present at the audience as well as Prime Minister Taher Masri and other officials together with a Palestinian delegation accompanying Mr. Arafat, who arrived here late Tuesday.

Mr. Masri met separately with Mr. Arafat, who left late Wednesday, and discussed with him the ontcome of the peace conference held in Madrid.

Both sides expressed satisfaction with the Arab parties' per-formance at the Madrid conference and the level of coordination and cooperation between the Jordanian and Palestinian negotiators who attended the meeting in a joint delegation.

The two sides also discussed following up such cooperation at the various stages of the peace process.



His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat (Petra

Following the meeting, Information Minister Mahmoud Al Sharif said that coordination between the two sides will continue. on all matters. Asked to comment on reports

on the prospect of convening an Arab summit meeting, Mr. Sharif said the subject was not raised at the meeting although a number of Arab countries have been seeking

Jordan and the Palestinians welcome any Arab summit to study means of ending differences among Arab states resulting from

the Gulf crisis, Mr. Sharif said. The venue for bilateral talks at the peace conference, the minister said, is under discussion with the U.S. and the Soviet Union but no agreement has been reached yet. He said contacts were under way with all con-

cerned parties. Mr. Sharif said that Jordan does not object to the bilateral talks being held in Washington provided all other Arab parties agree to it.

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'Maxwell died of natural causes'

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands (R) — Publishing tycoon Robert Maxwell, lost overboard from his yacht off the Canary Islands. died of natural causes and probably before he fell into the sea, according to autopsy findings on Wednesday. The provisional finding is that death was from natural causes," said Luis Guierrez, the Judge investigat-ing the death Tuesday of the 68-year-old magnate after the four-hour first phase of the auto-

psy in Las Palmas. It was believed Mr. Maxwell was dead before he went into the sea but a definitive verdict would have to wait until the final autopsy report, Judge Gutierrez told reporters. A heart attack was one of the possible natural causes, he added. Carlos Lopez Lamela, director

of the Las Palmas Institute of Forensic Medicine where the autopsy was performed, said more tests would be carried out in Seville and Oxford, England, to determine for certain whether the publisher died before he went into the sea or from drown-

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SLA continues shelling as Karami assails Sharon

lages in South Lebanon Wednesday in retaliation for a roadside bomh explosion, security sources

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the explosion took place at 1:30 p.m. (1130 GMT) on a road leading to a position manned by Israel's proxy, the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia. They did not have an immedi-

ate word on casualties. Hizbollah (Party of God) claimed responsibility for the In a statement released in this

southern port city, Hizbollah said the explosion blew up a joint Israeb-SLA patrol, killing or wounding three members of the patrol.

SLA gunners retaliated by shelling the villages of Yater and Hadathah, both near Rshaf and within the United Nations' peacekeepers' zone of operations, the sources said.

A source at the U.N. peacekeepers' headquarters in the border town of Nagoura said at least 40 rounds of mortar shells fell on the two villages.

TYRE (Agencies) — Israeli-backed militiamen shelled vil-market town of Nabatiyeh and market town of Nabatiyeh and the nearby Iqlim Al Tuffah, in additin to fields of Bellafeh and Ain Al Tineh in the western Bekaa Valley in southeast Lebanon. with Howitzers.

Another 40 artillery rounds were fired from Israeli and SLA positions inside Israel's self-styled 'security zone" in the south on the same areas overnight, the U.N. source added.

The security sources reported no casualties from the shelling, which renewed Tuesday after a two-day hill in the weeklong massive bombardment of Nabatiyeh and a cluster of nearby villages.

That wave of violence came to halt late Saturday, when the United States reportedly intervened with the Israelis to prevent harm to the peace talks in Mad-

Lebanese Prime Minister Omar Karami hit out at Israeli Housing Minister Ariel Sharon for calling for the Jewish state to double the size of the "security zone" in south Lebanon.

"It is not surprising such declarations are made by Ariel Sharon who is known for his extremist, bloody, terrorist history The source said Israel also shelled for a second day "Hizbollah Mr. Karami said.

Abu Jaber returns, says Madrid first step for peace

AMMAN (J.T.) - Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Jaber returned to Amman Wednesday after holding talks in Brussels with European Community (EC) foreign ministers on political and economic issues of concern to Jordan and Europe.

Dr. Abu Jaber who earlier flew to Brussels Friday after leading the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to the Madrid peace conference, said in a statement upon returning to Amman that the peace conference constituted a step towards achieving a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

He said a peace settlement would come within a defined agenda based on international legality and U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 and 338, which call for the exchange of land for peace and Israel's withdrawal from all Arab territories, including Arab Jerusalem, and the restoration of the Palestinian people's righs in their home-

Dr. Abu Jaber said that the conference, reopened the file of the Palestinian issue and placed Israel face to face with the crucial question of peace. The conference showed that Israel's call for direct

negotiations with the Arabs in the past years was only a manoeuvre and the coming weeks will show Israel's real intentions and whether it has the desire to deal with the Palestine problem on the basis of justice and international legitimacy, Dr. Abu Jaber said.

The conference, he said, offered the Arabs the chance to present their demands to the world, especially to the superpowers.

His talks in Brussels were successful, Dr. Abu Jaber said. The EC ministers have voiced their countries' support for Jordan and their backing for His Majesty King Hussein's wise leadership and policies, he said.

The EC ministers have offered assistance to Jordan. Italy in particular said it would give Jordan \$40 million in the immediate future.

puties in June.

mander of Israel's proxy militia in Israeli media Wednesday as saying he had no plans to release more prisoners from the Al has been demanded as the price. tages in Lebanon. "I think that at

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(Continued on page 5) tude on settlements. We've made Israelis kill Palestinian, ban all demonstrations

nian in the West Bank late Tuesday and the army said all unauthorised demonstrations in the occupied territories, including peace marches, would be banned

Troops shot and critically wounded Mahdi Abu Al Hassan, 19, in Arrabeh village in the occupied West Bank after allegedly be pointed a submachine gun at them, reports

Mr. Hassan later died of his wounds.

Israelis have killed 838 Palestinians since the outbreak of the revolt in December 1987, according to a Reuter court.

Army Chief of Staff Ehud Barak told Israeli television his troops would prevent all manthorised demonstrations in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.
"We will not allow any sort of demonstrations. With that, for

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli troops shot and killed a Palesti some of the demonstrations that begin with olive branches ... turn quickly into violent demonstrations with stone throwing and physical confrontation."

What I think is needed now

more than anything else are steps

that would create a positive en-

vironment for these talks," be

In an obvious slam at Israel, he

added, "and steps or actions that

are provocative or unilateral,

steps that would be seen by one

side or the other as provocative,

whether they are provocative or

not, are hardly likely, I think, to

would serve the cause of peace."

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was attended by Israel's hardline

The ceremony Monday to inau-

Palestinians supporting the landmark Arab-Israeli peace talks have come out in their thousands in the West Bank and Gaza Strip decorating army vehicles with olive branches.

But there have also been smaller demonstrations by hardline Palestinian groups against the The fundamentalist Hamas

movement on Tuesday issued a leaflet promising death to supporters of peace. We warn away those bargain-

ing away Palestine ... that be whowill approve the confiscation of Palestine and Jerusalem will not pass without a punishment. The fate of (Anwar) Sadat is already known," it said in reference to the Egyptian president killed in

We hold the PLO, the Palestinian delegation, and the Arab regimes responsible," the leaflet

bilaterals discussed thresbold-crossing milestone, said Mr. Baker, who spent count-less hours working to make it

"We still hold to our position that the talks should take place in the region, and we will try to consult and reach that goal," said spokesman Ehud Gol.

"If this doesn't work we will hear other proposals," he said. Israeli newspapers have specu-lated that Rhodes or Cyprus build the kind of climate that could be acceptable sites, but Mr. Gol said only that countries close to the Middle East might be an

Mr. Gol later said, however, that be was not saying Israel would necessarily accept a site

willing to host the talks. The question where bilateral talks would be held emerged as a key disagreement at the Madrid

insists on a neutral site.

Mr. Gol said that Israel was

of understanding."

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The leader of the group spoke

seated in front of n poster of

Lenin and Latin American re-

volutionary theorist Che

showed Palestinian boys throwing

rocks at Israeli troops, predicting

Stressing his words with an uplifted index finger, Dr. Habash

vowed that "We shall continue

the struggle to achieve freedom

and independence, repatriation

and self determination, for a

Palestinian state with Jerusalem

He appealed for unity against "all secondary conflicts which

only serve the enemy."

He said the PFLP would

cooperate with all other groups, including the Islamie fundamentalist Hamas in the occu-

"But this cooperation will not reach the stage of forming a block that could be regarded as an

alternative to the PLO," he

Dr. Habash responded with a

brusque "no" when asked if he

approved of calls by pro-Iranian Islamic fundamentalist Palesti-

nian groups, and some Iranian

leaders, for the assassination of

the Arab delegates for attending

He explained that the PFLP

But he warned that if the PLO

continued with "other deviation-

ist steps," the PFLP would with-

draw completely from the execu-

tive committee, making its freeze

group would take similar action

also if Israel continued to estab-

lish new settlements in the occu-

Dr. Habash added that his

would retain its membership of

the Madrid conference.

other PLO institutions.

victory in the intifada.

as its capital."

pied territories.

PFLP freezes its membership in PLO **Executive Committee**

DAMASCUS (AP) — George Habash Wednesday announced the freezing of the membership of his group, the Popular Front for the Liheration of Palestine (PFLP), in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee.

He said his group's central committee decided on the freeze because we cannot bear responsibility for the wrong policy adopted by the dominant leadership (of the PLO)" in attending the Madrid Middle East peace

Addressing a crowded news conference at his Damascus headquarters, Dr. Habash maintained that a Middle East settlement can only come about through the dementation of all relevant United Nations resolutions.

He charged that the United States, which worked strenuously for the convening of the Madrid conference last week, "is seeking a solution which has nothing to do with international law or U.N. resolutions."

He said: "The United States is proposing a liquidatory settlement which ignores the Palestinians' rights, while guaranteeing

Israel's security and superiority.

"Above all it provides Israel with Palestinian, Arab and international recognition of its illegitimate presence on our land."

Dr. Habash said a continuing illegal Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory gives the Palestinians "the right to escalate the iotifada.'

"We also have the right to escalate military action against military targets inside Israel," be

The PFLP claimed responsibility for an attack on an Israeli settlers' bus the day two days before the opening of the Madrid conference, which killed two

Hammadi named adviser to Saddam

NICOSIA (AP) — Iraq's ruling Revolution Command Council has made former Prime Minister Saadoun Hammadi n special adviser to President Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) on Wednesday quoted a

government newspaper as saying.
The daily Babil, run by President Saddam's son, Oudai, said Mr. Hammadi, a Shiite, was made an adviser to President Saddam with the rank of minis-

Shiites make up 55 per cent of Iraq's 17 million population, but President Saddam and most of his ruling elite are members of the minority Sunni sect, many from Tikrit 120 kilometres north of

In September, the RCC ppointed a new prime minister, Mohammad Al Zubaidi, to replace Dr. Hammadi. Dr. Zubaidi also a Shiite.

DR. Hammadi had been he only Shiite in the government and on the RCC. Reasons for his sacking were never divulged.

President Saddam had appointed Dr. Hammadi, a veteran of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party, on March 23.

It was the first time he had appointed a prime minister, hav-ing previously held the post him-self. Dr. Hammadi's appointment was part of n package pledging

greater democracy.
In that reshuffle, he also made then-Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz a deputy prime minister. Ahmad Hussein Al Khudayer, a former head of the presidential office, became the new foreign minister.

Dr. Hammadi would now have the rank of a cabinet minister.

President Saddam increased the number of his advisers from seven to nine in September.

U.N. chief urges Israel and Arabs to compromise

MADRID (R) — United Nations Kurdish and Shiite groups. U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar Tuesday called for concessions by both Israel and Iraq where they were providing Iraq where they were providing relief aid to Kurds. the Arabs in order not to jeopardise Middle East peace talks which opened in Madrid last Prince Sadruddin, the secretary-general's personal en-

exchange for emergency huma-nitarian supplies, which the Un-

ited Nations is to supervise and

Iraq has protested bitterly against trade sanctions, saying

they are paralysing the country

and causing outbreaks of mal-nutrition and disease since the

The United States insists Iraq

has not declared all its assets and

wants to make sure food was not

being used as a political weapon.

Washington has also said sanc-

tions would remaio in effect as

long as Saddam Hussein is in

Baghdad authorities have not

accepted Resolution 706 on oil

exports for food imports which

Iraqi Trade Minister Mohammad

Mehdi Saleh told Reuters rele-

gated his country to a state of

one else handle the people's

money?" the minister said, with

proof of next year's food ration

cards on his lap. To date, Iraq has received food

and medicines from relief agen-

cies or its own purchases abroad,

leading Western nations to de-

mand where Iraq had received

Iraqi diplomats maintain Bagh-dad has no large reserves and was

drawing on some of its assets

overseas and funds generated

from a trickle of trade with Jor-

dan permitted under the sanc-

cleared through the Security

Council's Sanctions Committee.

emergency needs, but to repair the country's war-damaged in-

These included lampposts from

Spain, bricks for a new building

from Bulgaria and Tunisian tank-

er trucks for carrying vegetable

Most purchases have to be

tions regime.

frastructure.

"How can we accept that some-

help distribute.

end of the war.

voy for humanitarian aid in the "Madrid has proved that dia-Gulf, is also to continue plans for relief operations in Iraq and de-vise a scheme to distribute any logue is possible," he said in his first commeots since unpregoods purchased under Security Council Resolution 706. cedented bilateral talks between the Middle East adversaries en-This resolution permits Irao to ded early Monday. sell \$1.6 billion worth of oil in

In order to create a favourable climate for the talks to continue, Israel should suspend its settlements on occupied Arab land, Mr. Perez de Cuellar told Spain's Canal Plus television.

"On the other hand Arab states should change their systematic anti-Israel rhetoric which obviously creates in Israel an atmosphere of mistrust regarding Arab countries' will to recognise Israel ..." he said.

Israel and three Arab delegations reported little progress after separate meetings Sunday but they agreed to continue negotiating an end to the 43-year conflict. Mr. Perez de Cuellar deplored

the absence of the United Nations at the Madrid talks, which were co-sponsored by the United States and the Soviet Union. He cited Israel's mistrust of the orgaoisatioo, which be said was rooted in General Assembly resolutions describing Zionism as

"I naturally think the presence of the U.N. is indispensable since the framework for the negotia-tions is (provided by) three very important U.N. resolutions," he

He added that the talks will have to bring in the United Nations sooner or later, if only to implement future agreements.

U.N. accord with Iraq

A senior U.N. official expects to go to Iraq next week to renew a controversial pact permitting the United Nations to distribute relief aid and place 500 security guards around the country.

Western diplomats said the official, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, had told envoys in Geneva he planned to go to Baghdad about Nov. 11 to negotiate a memo of understanding signed at the urging of the United States and its allies at the end of the Gulf war last April. The memo expires on Dec. 31.

At that time, the coalition that fought Iraq in the war wanted U.N. security guards to protect oil, committee envoys said.

Kurds head for Baghdad, say lift blockade

SHAQLAWA, Iraq (R) — A delegation of Kurdish rebels left Iraqi Knrdistan for Baghdad Wednesday to ask the govern-ment to lift a blockade which is paralysing life in areas under their control.

The two-week-old blockade, imposed

as winter closes in on northern Iraq, has checked off supplies of fuel and food and restricted key government services to the rebel

Kurds and relief workers say it

is designed pressure the rebels, whose post-Gulf war nurest collapsed at the end of March, into accepting a peace and autonomy "These are clever moves by Bashdad to remind us that they

are in control and that they can warm Kurds in many ways," Hosyhar Zebari, a spokesman for the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) of Massoud Barzani. "The Iraqi tactics are placing

enormous pressure on nrban Kurds who rely heavily on government services. The Kurdistan Front, an umbrella group of eight Kurdsish

political parties, sent a fourmember team to Bandhdad to persuade the government to re-The blockade, in an area where

there have been no telephone links since the Gulf war, has demonstrated how completely Iraqi Kurds depend on the Baghdad government for the goods and services that make normal life possible.

Most Kurds live in a handful of cities linked by major highways that snake in and oot of vernment-controlled territory. By closing checkpoints along those highways, the government has paralysed transport in the Local travel is difficult as a

near-total fuel blockade has shut petrol stations across northern Iraq. The garage at Shaqlawa, normally jammed with taxis and While the majority of requests are approved, the Unitd States travellers, was deserted on Tuesand Britain recently have turned

day.

The lack of fuel and other down supplies they say are not for supplies has also threateoed attempts by the U.N. and other relief agencies to build shelters and stockpile food for Kurds in the mountains before winter

But there are other more immediate problems. In an area with no telephone lines, communications ceases when transportation grinds to a halt.

The front bas been negotiating the peace and autonomy deal with Baghdad since the collapse of the March rebellion sent up to two million Kurds fleeing to Turkey and Iran. The government has indicated

that it is willing to talk," said Mahmoud Osman, head of the Kurdistan Socialist Party. The team is headed by Sami

Rachman, head of the Kurdistan Popular Democratic Party and a veteran negotiator. KDP leader Massoud Barzani

negotiated the latest autonomy deal which has been on the table since August. The deal builds on a 1970

entonomy agreement but which Kurds say was never fully respected.

Mr. Barzani and his chief rival Jalal Talabani, leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), disagree over whether to accept the latest deal. Mr. Talabani wants the disputed oil city of Kirkuk and other towns included in a new autonomous region.

Kurdish sources say the Military Cordination Centre (MCC), the residual U.S. and allied military presence in northern Iraq, met Iraqi army officers in Fayda Monday to complain about the hlockade.

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NICOSIA (AP) - An Iranian newspaper said Wednesday that Western reports alleging Iran was trying to build a nuclear weapon were aimed at discrediting Tehran because it was standing up to a U.S. plot to strengthen Israel. The Farsi-language daily, Abrar, said in an editor against Third World countries which strive to reserve their independence." In accounts carried by the Televisian preserve their independence." In excerpts carried by the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), the radical daily said that following Iran's vocal opposition to Arab-Israeli peace talks, "it was quite clear that the U.S. would launch a conspiracy against Iran. The U.S. lies about Iran are aimed at blocking Iran's economic and technical cooperation with other countries, especially when Tehran and Peking are paving the way for an expanded cooperation in Asia."

U.S. navy honours Saudi commanders

BAHRAIN (AP) — The U.S. navy has honoured four royal Saudi Naval Forces commanders for their role in support of multinational forces during Operation Desert Storm, the navy spokesman reported Tuesday. The commander of U.S. naval forces central command, Rear Admiral Raynor A. K. Taylor presented the bronze star medal to the four on behalf of President George Bush. The ceremony took place at the naval headquarters in Sandi Arabia Sunday. The first award went to Prince Fahd, royal Sandi naval forces deputy commander, for his "exceptionally meritorious service" during the war.

Eritrea releases 100 Egyptian fishermen

CAIRO (AP) - A group of 100 Egyptians returned home Tuesday after four months of detention in Eritrea, northern Ethiopia, foreign ministry sources said. The sources said another 92 Egyptian fishermen were scheduled to return home on Friday. The release followed intense negotiations with Eritrean authorities, the sources said without going into details. The returning fishermen told the newspaper Al Ahram that they were on a fishing trip in international waters of the Red Sea on June 28 when six armed Eritrean speedboats took them prisoners. "The Eritreans claimed we violated their territorial waters," Talaat Al Badrawi, an Egyptian fisherman was quoted as saying. The Eritreans fought Ethiopia's central government for 30 years before onsting President Mengistu Haile Mariam earlier this year.

Crew of arms ship face Turkish lail

ISTANBUL (R) - An Istanbul prosecutor is seeking jail terms of up to 24 years for the captain and two crew members of a Cyprus-registered ship seized while carrying arms through the Bosphorus. The Anatolian news agency said Istanbul state security court prosecutor Mustafa Emre had asked for jail terms of 16 to 24 years for the captain, his deputy and the wireless operator of the Cape Maleas for "organisedly bringing arms into the country and transporting them." The 2,700-tonne freighter was seized in the Bosphorus waterway on Oct. 22 with an unspecified oumber of rocket launchers, anti-aircraft guns, cannons and ammunition loaded in Bulgaria and claimed by Iran. Cape Maleas, operated by Good Fate Shipping Company of Piraeus, was chartered to the Iranian state owned shipping line on Sept. 12. The three detained crew members are Greek, other crew members have been released.

Aeroflot flies immigrants direct to israei

TEL AVIV (R) — The first direct flight by the Soviet airline Aeroflot taking Soviet Jewish immigrants to Israel arrived in the Jewish state Toesday with 125 people on board, Israel Radio said. Israeli officials had looked forward to the flight for more than a year, seeing it as a sign of improved relations. But it was delayed by the Soviet Union, which was afraid the immigrants would move into the Arab lands occupied by Israel. The Soviet Union, which broke relations with Israel over the 1967 Middle East war, renewed full diplomatic ties on Oct. 18. Direct tourist and other flights between the two countries began earlier this year,

Turkey destroys 4,700 cattle

with rinderpest, or cattle plague, and vaccinated more than four million others after finding the disease in livestock smuggled from Iran and Iraq, officials said Tuesday."The disease was first seen in animals smuggled from neighbouring countries," said Hakki Ozbek, head of the agriculture ministry's protection and control department. He told Anatolian news agency more than 5,000 other animals were suspected to have rinderpest. Ministry teams plan to vaccinate all Turkey's nearly 14 million cattle. The agency said meat prices had risen 40 per cent in the past two weeks because cattle markets and abattoirs were closed.

Waldheim optimistic on Cyprus solution

NICOSIA (AP) — Austrian President Kurt Waldheim on Wednes day expressed optimism about possible progress in solving the Cyprus problem. Dr. Waldheim cited the Arab-Israeli peace conference in Spain as evidence that bitter divisions in the Middle East could move toward a solution. "The Madrid conference shows clearly that the situation is improving," he told reporters. "It is possible to have progress. Austria is always ready to do whatever it can for Cyprus." Earlier, Dr. Waldheim held talks with President George Vassiliou. The two heads of state also travelled to the western port of Paphos with their wives and toured ancient sites

Germans fined for urging U.S. soldiers to desert

MAINZ, Germany (R) — A German court fined two politicians from the radical Greens Party Tuesday for urging U.S. soldiers to desert during the Gulf crisis. Gernot Rotter, a former member of the state parliament in Rhineland-Palatinate, was fined 2,400 marks (\$1,472) and the Greens' press spokesman in the state, Olaf Hagedorn, was fined 1,000 marks (\$613). The court acknowledged that the two men might have had lofty motives in publicly encouraging U.S. servicemen in November 1990 to desert rather than fight Iraq, but said they had broken German law.

Amnesty reports torture in Djibouti

LONDON (R) — Amnesty Inter-national said Wednesday that security police in Djibouti tortured up to 300 people in the last year, with prisoners being swung from poles, beaten, burned with digarettes and giveo electric shocks.

The Loodoo-based boman rights group said in its first major report on the country in the Horn of Africa that it received reports of "police brutality" as recently as two months ago when 10 people died in detention.

"The government said 11 years ago that torture would be stopped, but the evidence shows that it's still happening," amnesty

The organisation said that investigations into previous incideuts have found tha the security police "systematically tortured" more than 200 members of a Somali clan arrested in October 1990 after the bomhing of a cafe in Diibouti.

Members of the Afar ethnic group arrested in January after an attack oo an army barracks have also been tortured, it said. Amnesty said its representatives visited Djibouti and interviewed dozens of prisoners

It said the results bore out their claims of being tortured by such methods as 'the swing" - being tied by the hands and feet to n bar, gagged with a spouge souked in detergeot and heaten over the body — or having a bottle forced

FORDAN TELEVISION

Iraqi minister voices

minister, Shabib Al Maliki, said in remarks published Wednesday that car thieves should be hanged

crime which has taken a violent

has suggested the application of the death penalty to any car thief," Mr. Maliki said. Under Iraqi law, thieves face a

minimum of five years in jail. Thieves can be hanged if they commit rape or other crimes at the same time but Mr. Maliki said such "special conditions" should not apply to car thieves.

He told Alef Ba that Iraqi courts could not cope with of criminals appearing before them and said car theft in particular had "recently taken on alarming

tions and the freezing of Iraq's \$4 billioo of overseas assets for creating conditions of poverty and privation in which crime flourishes.

Crime often makes front-page news in post-Gulf war Iraq, despite the presence of a formidable array of security services in every walk of life. Forgery, cheque book crime and robbery at jewellers shops are common occurr-

to hait a crime wave the government blames on U.N. sanctions. His comments, in the state run weekly Alef Ba, were the most serious indication to date of official concern about the rise in

"To deter thieves the ministry

Iraqi government officials are extremely concerned about theft, a daily occurrence in the capital since the end of the Gulf war. They hlame U.N. trade sanc-

ences, newspapers report.
"Crime is becoming a truly

alarm about crime BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq's justice

worrying problem," confided a senior government official who declined to be identified. "I even have to lock my car in the ministry car park."
Mr. Maliki said his ministry

urgeotly needed more staff, money and buildings to carry out its works. More than 70 judicial buildings were destroyed in the Gulf war and a rebellion that

He said bail should be refused to suspected criminals, "so they will not take the opportunity to escape the punishment waiting for them.'

Al Iraq, a semi-official daily, published interviews with police officers Wednesday in which they detailed interviews with two gangs of thieves who stole 32 vehicles in one night. "We just pushed the cars out of

their garages, hit the ignition and fled. There are always people ready to pay for our cars or spare parts from them," it quoted one thicf as confessing. Residents say that many vehicles, especially luxury saloons,

find their way to Iran where they can fetchup to 30,000 for Iraqis starved of foreign currency. They are often stuffed with electronic items originally as well

as stolen electric cable, steel wire and precious stones and metals all in short supply in Iran. Their route takes them over the rugged mountain passes of

Army roadblocks regularly stop newer-looking cars travelling

Kurdistan, where rebel groups and the Baghdad government are involved in a tense standoff over a peace and autonomy deal.

into Kurdistan.

Morocco frees 26 military men jailed for coup bids king's seaside palace at Skhirat in July 1971, and the remaining 14 RABAT (R) — The Moroccan

authorities have freed 26 military prisoners involved in abortive conps against the monarchy who were held for more than 18 years in conditions so harsh 30 of their colleagues died, a spokesman for the Moroccan Association of Human Rights (AMDH) said Wednesday.

Convicted for their part in attempts to kill King Hassan in 1971 and 1972, the 26 survivors were freed between Sept. 23 and Oct. 29 after demolition of the remote fortress prison of Tazmamart in the Atlas Mountains, the spokesman said.

King Hassan and the government denied the existence of Tazmamart. It was demolished in September after numerous human rights groups including London-based Amnesty International denounced the inhumane conditions of detention.

Most of those freed - 13 officers and 13 noncommissioned officers — had been sentenced to between three and 20 years and the majority had already served their time.

Twelve were convicted for their part in an army raid on the

for their involvement in an air force attack oo an airliner bringing the king back from France in August 1972. One of the released men, who

spoke on condition he not be named, told Reuters they were held in total darkness at Tazmamart without any contact with their families. He said he had been warned not to reveal details of their ordeal. He said 30 prisocers of the

original 58 moved to Tazmamart in August 1973 had died of malnutrition, disease or by suicide. Two hanged themselves in March and June this year. The inmates were fed with stale

bread and bean soups and given meat only once a year. Most had lost their teeth and were given dentures and medical treatment before their release. He said 18 months before leav-.

ing Tazmamart one of the prisoners, an electronics specialist. made a small radio and they heard reports of their detention on the British Broadcasting Corporation and Radio France Inter-

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Queen reviews projects with World Bank envoys

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor has received two World Bank envoys who have been studying two project proposals submitted by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) for funding from the World

The two envoys Nicole Glineur and Alain Fuedy de Grissac presented the Queen with their draft recommenda-tions to the World Bank simed at securing funding and tech-nical assistance to implement the two projects. They said that they were deeply impressed by Jordan's achieven providing protection to the environment and preserving its natural resources. There are pioneering efforts in the region and the Third World at large,

the envoys said.

The RSCN has applied for the funds to the World Bank through its Global Environment Facitlity (GEF) programme. One of the two proposed projects is to provide protection to the Agaba coast from pollution caused by the fallout of phosphate, cement and suiphur dust and protection to the coral reefs and marine life, considered a national wealth.

The project also includes creating a wild life reserve at Wadi Rum in southern Jordan. complete with touristic services and the protection of the diverse species of animals and plants in that area.

The second proposed project concerns ther Dana Wild Life Reserve near Tafileh. The project entails setting up a number of industrial, touristic and agricultural projects around the reserve area

According to Ms. Glineur, once the Dana project has been implemented, it would serve as a model for others in the whole region and also at the international level.

The Queen, who is patron of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (UCN), thanked the two World Bank envoys and stres-sed ber support for all projects carried out by the RSCN to provide protection to any natural wealth and to create job opportunities for Jordanians, especially in the rural areas of

RSCN President Anis Muasher was present at the meeting, which took place at the Ma'wa Palace.

Queen distributes awards to competition winners

Cabinet approves Jordanian

attendance at meetings

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Wednesday distributed prizes to the winners of the Queen Noor Award for Children's Literature in a ceremony held at Royal Cultural Centre.

Dr. Mahmoud Shalabi and Ali Al Battiri won for their poetry. Fathi Masri won the prize for plays while the prize for the short story and popular heritage was withheld.

Each of the winners received JD 1,000 for their distinguished Minister of Education Eid

Dahiyat delivered an address in which he underlined the minis-

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan is to

take part in the seventh meeting

of the Arab Transport Ministers

Council due to open in Tripoli,

Libya, on Nov. 20, according to a

statement by the Council of

The statement said that Deputy

Prime Minister and Minister of

Transport and Communications

nian delegation to that meeting.

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The cabinet also said that Jor-

dan will participate in the ninth

Interior Minister Jawdat Esboul

will lead the Jordanian delegation

further progress and prosperity.

gathering of the Arab Interior

Tunis on Dec. 1, and said that

to the meeting.

Nabileh Wahheh, from the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, reviewed the various stages of the award, which emanated from the Children's Literature Symposium

After the distribution of the prizes, the Queen opened a national book exhibition of children's books displaying the works of 40 Jordanian writers. A total of 150 titles covering short stories, poetry folklore culture and others

The cabinet approved a finan-cial protocol with France which

provides for a loan from the

French government totalling 120

million francs. The French loan,

which carries an interest rate of

one per cent, will help Jordan

finance its imports and services

from France and will be paid over

17 years with a seven-year grace

Jordan's ambassador to France

will sign the protocol in Paris on

behalf of the Jordanian govern-

ment. According to the state-

ment, a new department, to be known as the Agricultural Policy

Department will be created at the

Ministry of Agriculture.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday sent a cable to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to congratulate him

on the anniversary of the October Revolution. King Hussein

expressed appreciation of the friendship relations and coopera-

tion between Jordan and the Soviet Union and voiced his hope

that these relations will be enhanced. King Hussein wished Mr.

Gorbachev good health and happiness and the Soviet people

BRUSSELS (Petra) — Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Jaber

Wednesday met with the Belgian foreign minister and discussed

with him bilateral relations between Jordan and Belgium and

ways of enhancing them. The meeting was attended by Jordan's ambassador in Brussels Talal Sataan Al Hassan.

AMMAN (Petra) — United Nations Relief and Works Agency

(UNRWA) Director in Jordan Franke De Jong Wednesday inaugurated a health clinic and Al Mashara town in the northern

Jordan Valley region. Director of UNRWA's Health Services

Nash'at Ammari delivered an address at the ceremony and

outlined health services provided by UNRWA to Palestinian

refugees. The ceremony was attended by several officials in the

King congratulates Soviet Union

Abu Jaber meets Belgian official

UNRWA Inaugurates health clinic

The cabinet statement said that

try's keenness on providing cul-ture and knowledge to children and fostering the love for read-

organised in 1987.

Mr. Sharif told the journalists who represent newspapers in Belginm, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and the United Kingdom that Jordan played a key role in drafting U.N. Security Council

own good.

commitment to peace process Resolution 242, which is considered a basis for solving the

Minister reaffirms Jordan's

Information Minister Mahmoud At Sharif Wednesday meets with visiting European journal-

AMMAN (Petra) — Information Minister Mahmoud Al Sharif

Tuesday expressed hope that a

comprehensive and lasting settle-

ment to the Arab-Israeli and

Palestinian-Israeli conflicts would

be reached in a manner that

would enable the peoples of the

region to live in peace and invest their natural resources for their

In a meeting with a 12-member

team of journalists sent on a tour

of the region by the United Na-

tions Department of Public In-

formation (UNDPI), Mr. Sharif

said that His Majesty King Hus-

sein had always been seeking and

working for a just and lasting peace in the region and had approved peace initiatives aimed

at reaching a solution to the

He reaffirmed Jordan's determination to proceed in the peace process and emphasised its adherence to international legitimacy principles as well as its keenness to safeguard legitimate political rights of the Palestinian people.

He expressed his doubts over Israel's seriousness in carrying out its role in the peace process.

The minister briefed the delegation on the difficulties facing Jordan as a result of the Gulf crisis and stressed that Jordan is trying to overcome all obstacles left by the crisis. He said Jordan was trying to bridge the gap left between Arab states as a result of the crisis.

Jordan, he added, is working on enhancing its relations with the Arab states which took a different stand than that of Jordan during the crisis. There are some encouraging signals in this regard "but not to the required Monday evening on a visit to Jordan in order to inspect the agency's services to Palestinian refugees. The team was received Tuesday by Director of the Foreign Ministry's Palestinian Affairs Department Adel Irsheid, who briefed them on the Jordanian government's assistance to the refugees.

The team will visit the bridges area on the River Jordan Friday before departing to Syria. The team arrived in Amman from Tunisia where they met with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials for a discussion on the situation in the re-

In another development, Mr. Sharif received Wednesday the director of Jordan, Syria and the Northern Arab Peninsula Burean in the American Foreign Office. The minister reviewed with the visiting U.S. official the situation in the region and the results of the Madrid conference as well as the Jordanian-U.S. relations.



Disse Taylor and Tony Howard unfurl the "Climb for the World" flag at the summit of Jebel Rum while Sabbah Atieen, another member

One group's climb for peace

By Nidal M. Ibrahim

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN - As Arab and

Israeli delegates were trying to overcome the mountain of differences between them in Madrid last week, Tony Howard and his entourage were scaling the highest peak in Jor-

While separated hy thousands of miles, the two events were interrelated. Mr. Howard - along with Dianna Taylor, Bill Vinton and Sabbah Atieeq — were scaling Jebel Rum, the highest mountain in the Kingdom at 1,754 metres, to unfurl the "Climb for the World" flag in support of United Nations efforts for

world unity and peace.
"It's a small effort to bring some attention to the problems of the Middle East," Mr. Howard, sipping tea in the lobby of the Amra Hotel, told the Jordan Times.

Since his first visit to the area in 1984, Mr. Howard has made 10 visits to Wadi Rum.

where Jebel Rum is located. But for the 51-year old Mr. Howard, who looks more like he is in his carly 30s, this climb "was special because it gave me an opportunity to give something back to a part of the world that has given us so

"It was an opportunity for us to make a statement about (a) the need for peace in the Middle East and (b) the need to create a national park in the Wadi Rum area," he said.

In hoping to convince the government of the need to make the Wadi Rum area a national park and wild-life re-serve, Mr. Howard has held meetings with officials from the Ministry of Tourism and the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN). Officials have assured him that the Kingdom will study the idea and promised to balance development of the area with conservation efforts, he said.

During Mr. Howard's many visits to the Wadi Rum area, a strong friendship has deAMMAN BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL

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Application forms may be obtained from the school's reception desk, phone 845572, 847191 and should be returned by Nov. 12, 1991.

New labour minister to continue to replace non-Jordanian workers

of Labour has adopted no new policies with regard to the employment of foreign workers in Jordan and the labour and employment laws now in force will be strictly applied to all cases, according to acting Minister of Labour Qaseem Obeidat.

In his first statement three weeks after the resignation of former Labour Minister Abdul Karim Al Dughmi, Dr. Obeidat said that the Ministry of Labour has found little or no cooperation on the part of the employers concerning the employment of foreign workers without work permits. But the ministry will not be lement with any one of the foreign workers or the em-

Mr. Dughmi resigned following reported differences between the former ministers and cabinet members over the application of labour law and labour policies.

A great number of employers are keeping quiet about the non-Jordanian workers without work permits despite repeated ministry warnings, but the ministry will assess penalties on all violators of the law, Dr. Obeidat warned.

Referring to the problem of unemployment, Dr. Obeidat said that the government has no ready-made solutions, but was doing all it could to find jobs for the unemployed. In addition, the

Official to

Kingdom's

agricultural

problems at

FAO meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan is participating in the 26th meeting of the U.N. Food and

Agriculture Organisation (FAO), where Minister of Agriculture Subhi Al Qasem

will deliver an address tackling

regional and international

cooperation in agricultural de-

Dr. Qasem said in a state

ment that he would also brief

the FAO meeting on Jordan's

major achievements and its

drive to achieve self-sufficiency

of all types of products. He will also dwell on the main requir-

ments to help the country

achieve that goal especially wa-

nian agricultural sector, far-

mers' debts and other

agriculture-related issues will

be outlined at the meeting,

which will he held in Rome

Friday. Dr. Qasem said that he

would also outline the minis-

try's project designed to help

small farmers in the Jordan

During his stay in the Italian

capital, Dr. Qasem said he

would discuss with participat-

ing delegations means of coop

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ance to Jordan from a number

According to Dr. Qasem

the FAO meeting is scheduled

to discuss a host of issues re-

lated to food production, poverty and the FAO prog-

ramme for the coming four years as well as related prog-rammes. Qasem, who will

leave Amman for Rome

Thursday, will be accompanied

by Dr. Hani Haddadin, director of the ministry's Crop Pro-

tection Department.

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Oaseem Obeidat

government is in close contact with Libya and Yemen to ensure the employment of the largest possible number of Jordanians in the two countries, Dr. Obeidat said. He added that at the same time, the government was imposing restrictions on the employment of foreign workers to open the way for Jordanians job seekers to fill those slots.

Within one year, all non-Jordanian truck drivers will have left the country, he said. The ministry is now turning down applications for foreign truck drivers, which will force local companies to employ Jordanians, Dr.

Obeidat said. According to official Labour Ministry statistics, the rate of unemployment among the Jordanian work force rose from 3.6 per cent in the early 1980s to 16.8 per unemployment situation.

stands at 20 per cent.
There are no less than 140,000 unemployed Jordanians at pre-sent, up from 106,000 in 1990 and 15,000 in the early 1980s, accord-

ing to government statistics. According to the statistics, the number of non-Jordanians working in the Kingdom stood at 80,000 in 1980, rising to 200,000 in 1989 and 250,000 by the middle of last year, just before the out-break of the Gulf crisis. The number dramatically dropped to 165,000 by end of 1990, according

to the statistics. The ministry's statistics also showed that the total workforce in Jordan stood at 420,000 in 1980, rising to 583,000 in 1989 and 630,000 in 1990, largely due to the Gulf crisis, while the number of Jordanian workers flowing out of the country to work abroad dropped from 8,000 a year in the first half of the 1980s to less than

3,000 a year in the second half. By the end of the past year, some 30,000 Jordanian workers who were employed in the Gulf states had returned to Jordan, rising to 50,000 at present according to the statistics. The ministry said that the return of some 300,000 Jordanian and Palestinian expatriates to the Kingdom in the wake of the Gulf crisis has severely aggravated the

Jordan, China discuss prospects for increasing trade

of Jordanian-Chinese Economic Cooperation were held at the Amman Chamber of Industry Wednesday with teams from both sides concentrating on areas for increasing the volume of trade between China and Jordan.

Chamber President Khaldoun Abu Hassan said Jordan was keen on promoting trade and launching joint Jordanian-Chinese ventures. He briefed the Chinese team on Jordan's laws and regulations governing economic projects, incentives for investments and other related mat-

AMMAN (Petra) — Discussions dan carry out industrial schemes. Jordan, he said, is keen on launching joint economie ventures, especially in the production of spare parts for machinery and in textiles, agriculture and engineering fields

The Chinese team represents

He also touched on the pros-

Mr. Abu Hassan invited the Chinese industrialists to benefit from Jordan's central geographic location to exapand China's trade with countries of the region.

China's side to the joint Jordanian-Chinese Economic and Trade Cooperation Committee meeting in Amman. It's members will be accompanied on a tour of pect of enlisting help from a number of Jordanian industrial Chinese technicians to help Jorprojects.

Ministries pledge to support scouts movement in Nordan

tries of education and youth and joining efforts to boost the activities of the scouts movement in Jordan and are offering facilities to achieve that goal, according to a statement issued Wednesday.

The statement came after a meeting between representatives of the two ministries with Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, during which various matters related to the scout movement in the Kingdom were reviewed.

The Princess urged the ministries of education and youth to offer meaningful support for the scout and girl guides society in scouts movement activities to scrve society.

Minister of Education Eid Dahiyat and Minister of Youth Salch Irsheiat, along with Ministry of Higher Education Secretary General Ahmad Al Bashaich,

attended the meeting.
The Princess urged the concented ministries to organise a courage the youth to join the the Ministry of Education.

'AMMAN (J.T.) - The minis- scout movement and offer voluntary service to the community.

The Ministry of Yonth is offering a serveral dunum plot of land within the King Hussein Youth City perimetre for the construction of a headquarters for the scout society and will make available other essential elements to boost the movement's activities,

according to Mr. Dahiyat. Mr. Dahiyat said that the Engineering Department at his ministry will help the movement by preparing the designs for the project and will have the printing press of the Ministry of Education puhlish all the booklets and the country and stimulate the publications pertaining to the scout society in Jordan.

The Princess last week visited a scout camp in the north of Jordan and inspected the girl guides various activities.

Present at the meeting, which was held at the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund. was Ablah Abu Nowar and Sweif Dawaghreh, members of the society's execupublic awareness campaign to en- tive committee and officials from

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EXHIBITIONS

* Iraqi art exhibition at the Phoenix Gallery of Art and Culture,

Gardens Street. *A special season of antique lithographs, engravings, folic-flustrations and maps, 18th & 19th century prints of Palestine, Jordan — the Mideast as well as orientalist scenes at the

Gallery, Hotel Jordan Inter. Continental. * Photography exhibition by Adeeb Atwan at the British Council. * Exhibition entitled "Graphic Arts of the 60s" (from the Federal Republic of Germany) at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundaflon gallery (open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.).

* Exhibition of photos by Thierry Girard at the French Cultural k Exhibition of traditional embroidery and handmade items at

the Marriott Hotel.

NAF studying plight of needy

AMMAN (Petra) — The National Aid Fund (NAF) is currently conducting a survey which aims at defining the poverty pockets in Al Karak Governorate areas, according to Karak Social Development Department Director Saleh Sugour, who is also director of the NAF in the governorate.

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He said the survey is carried

nistrative governors and heads of municipal councils in the governorate in order to extend recurrent financial assistance to the needy and help them establish income-generating projects.

The total number of needy families on which the governorate gathered information so far since Oct. 19 has reached 200, Mr. Sugour said.

bedouins he said, are especially concerned about their area as government officials look to continue to develop the coun-Because of their knowledge and concern for the area and

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bedouins of the region. The

its precious resources, Mr. Howard suggests that the bedouins be consulted on plans for the future of the region.
"They're the natural guardians of the land because they've lived there so many thousands of years," be said.

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A job well done

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein was at Amman airport Wednesday evening to receive the returning Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to the Madrid peace conference. This gesture by the King is a testimony to his and the Jordanian people's strong appreciation of the effort put forth by each and everyone of the delegates to the historic parley. Despite more than a week of hard work, and many hours of preparatory meetings and research, the delegation members were enthusiastic and upbeat. They feel, rightly so, that they were party to making history. A lot of praise goes to the delegation heads and the spokespersons who scored many points against the Israeli propagandists. The Israelis, as can be discerned from their media reports and analysis are both bitter and envious of the success of the Jordanian-Palestinian performance at Madrid. Experts at manipulating the media and public opinion, especially in the West, the Israelis are blaming the Western media of advocating the Arab cause and taking the Arab side at the expense of Israel.

Upcet at their own failure to defend maximalist and impossible stances, the Israelis are now even contemplating forming a ministry of information to help repair the severe damage sustained by them at Madrid. What they choose to ignore though is the fact that the success with the media by the Jordanians and Palestinians was not because they had ministries of information, but because of the justice of our cause. Hanan Ashrawi, who repeatedly stole the limelight from and shined brighter than Benyamin Netanyahu in the Spanish capital, has no ministry of information behind her. The Jordanians and the Palestinians present at and around the peace conference had responded to and interacted with the press honestly and genuinely, without using Netanyahu's stereotypes of "biblical Israel," "terrorists" and "Arabs bent on destroying Israe'L" They went to Madrid as peace-seekers who want an end to Israel's brutal occupation of the West Bank and Goza, an occupation whose atrocities have long been exposed in reports of governments and international organisations such as Amnesty International and the U.S. State Department. Apart from certain manipulations of the Syrian performance and positions, the Arabs generally did a superb job. Our delegations stated the position of Jordan and Palestine and the aspirations of Jordanians and Pakestinians clearly and succinctly. They did not go to lecture the world in the distinct history of the boly land nor did they level false accusations against the other side, as the Israelis tried to do unto us.

Last night when the joint delegation arrived in Amman every member must have felt very proud at the warm welcome they received from the Jordanian leadership, and they deserve to be. They left with olive branches in their hands and returned with wreaths of triumph. We sainte them, for they have done a good job in representing us and

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

IT is quite satisfactory to see Western nations realising the truth about Jordan's position with regard to the Gulf crisis and the Palestine problem and trying to awaken to the realisies and the facts of the ground, said Al Ra'i Arabic daily Wednesday. The paper said that the Western media had been hostile to Jordan during the Gulf crisis when Jordan was trying to advocate reason rather than war and hloodshed, but it seems that now everything is changing to the better as the press in the West has been reflecting a different view about the kingdom. Jordan's position has not changed throughout the crisis and its call for reason persists because its people and leadership continue to denounce any call for warmongering and reject the destruction of a country and its people, the paper stressed. It said that Jordan has been seeking to save the Middle East from suffering and bloodshed and has, for that matter, won many enemies in the West which was bent on lannching war on Iraq. The paper said that the Western media has now realised the truth about Jordan which adopts moderate policies as it pursues the democratic process on all fronts. It said that the Western media has discovered that it has been promoting lies and falsehoods about Jordan and has been deceiving the public in the Western countries. It is quite interesting, said the paper, to see how the Western media will now deal with the question of Israel's continued rejection of the international legality and the implementation of U.N. resolutions that call for an end to the occupation of Palestinian land.

SAWT AL SHAAB daily called for an immediate freeze of all settlements being built on the occupied Palestinian land and said this is a pre-requisite for the achievement of a lasting peace. The paper said that despite the initial satisfaction over the outcome of the opening session at the Madrid conference, one can only view with apprehension the ongoing aggressive policies of the Shamir government, represented in the construction of settlements on Arab land. The settlements constitute a flagrant defiance of the world community's will and the U.N., especially as such settlements are being erected as the peace conference is in progress, said the paper. It said that the building of Jewish settlements on the West Bank and the Syrian Golan Heights represents a provocation to the Arab side and the co-sponsors of the peace parley and therefore, every effort should be exerted now to halt this process that is detrimental to the future stability and security of the region. Unless the Bush administration imposes its will and the requirements of peace on Israel, it is feared that all its endeavours to hring about a lasting settlement could be jeopar-dised, the paper stressed. It said that the United States is called on the force Israel to stop the construction of settlements so that the road to peace can be opened for all parties.

Reflections

Central planning and centralised whimsy

AS 1 grappled with a myriad of conflicting emotions and a few shattering. revelations, all invoked by the drama in Madrid and each worthy of expansive commentary, a shopkeeper told me a story which provided both a merciful distraction from anguished thoughts and a timely opportunity to avoid writing something 1 may regret about the peace process.

It seems that the Ministry of Supply, which has a monopoly on the distribution of strategic custom-free goods like Pierre Cardin suits and others, had ceased to supply the shops with foreign brand cigarettes a few days before. The official reason given to inquiring shopkeepers was that the hureaucrat in charge had to attend to his sick wife.

I was so touched by this latest manifestation of public sector humaneness that I wished all goods and services would be provided exclusively by the government (a wish that may soon be fulfilled in the present rush towards socialist ideals). I got thinking about all those selfish businessmen and companies who keep bringing their goods to the market regardless of the health of their employees or the bealth of their employees' spouses. Even the pains of the director's wife would not deter these private organisms of greed from going about their daily activities as if nothing had happened.

What kind of a world is that which makes a fuss about tuna and forcoats being stained with the blood of dolphins and minks and keeps silent about all other private sector goods which may be stained with the blood of human mothers? Should we, Jordanians, continue to indulge our stomachs and lungs while oblivious to human suffering? Certainly not. Let us affirm our bumanity by turning over all commercial activities to the public sector. This

way, each time our children go without milk, shoes, or potato chips, we know that a public sector mother is suffering somewhere and we can teach the children a practical lesson in human

I am proud to note that while bastions of communism like China and North Vietnam are dismissing millions of civil servants and threatening public sector firms with closure if they do not show a profit, we, in Jordan, spend every last penny we receive on hiring more civil servants and raising their hard-earned pay. Furthermore, we have no intention of molesting our public sector companies or bothering them in any way even though many of them are practically and legally hankrupt.

I am even prouder of the fact that while socialist countries are falling over each other in their mad rush towards capitalist dictates and such vulgar notions as economic growth and higher income, we, in Jordan, have finally decided to drop all pretenses of a free economy and private initiative and to pursue openly our long-held socialist ideals. These ideals are articulated all so well by the media in daily calls for the government to intervene everywhere and at all times, and by the statements of both departing ministers (Mr. Dughmi's interview with "Shihan" is one notable example) and those who still have not found a popular cause to quit over. The socialist ideals are embodied in the decidedly socialist composition of the new political elite, in every nook and cranny of the economy, and, of course, in those towering creations of socialist ingenuity: the ministries of supply

Most importantly, our own brand of socialist/bureaucratic philosophy is home-grown and authentically original. While central planners in other socialist countries used to (until their recent demise) allocate production targets to various public sector firms and review their performance annually, we eschewed such mundane practices. Instead, we developed our own system of centralised personal style management.

This is how it works: first, you ensure that the laws, bi-laws, codes, rules and regulations and the absence of transparent and con-discretionary procedures will render all activities on Jordania. nian soil dormant till action is taken by the Council of Ministers. Second, you encapsulate these actions in the form of decrees tucked neatly into colourful folders of green, red, blue and, sometimes, yellow. Third, you pile these folders sky high in front of senior ministers and Cabinet meetings for review and signature. Fourth, you keep the whole country on hold till the Cabinet or any one of a multitude of ministerial committees convenes. Therefore, if the senior minister who chairs most of these committees is busy elsewhere or has a plumbing problem at home, the whole country gets to feel his concerns.

The process is repeated at lower levels of the bureaucratic hierarchy until we reach the cigarettes distributors. The lofty aim of the system is to get the general public to share with the civil servants their distractions, concerns, indispositions, and meditations, thereby fusing the people and their big brothers into a

Hopefully, Jordan will continue to chart its own bumanistic and individualistic path towards the fulfillment of bureaucratic ideals, unmindful and, better still, unaware of world developments. The rest of the world will eventually come around to our way of thinking. Otherwise, it may slip further down the road of crass and gaudy prosperity.

'U.S. tax dollars should not be used to finance killing and torture'

the Council for the National Interest (CNI) to the American people and signed by Paul Findley and Paul N. McCloskey ex-members of U.S. Congress

WE are writing today to share some little-known facts and extremely disturbing information with you. Not one American in ten thousand knows the details you are about to learn. Much of this information you will find shocking. Much of it you will find hard to believe. But we assure you that we can document the trath of every word.

The simple, said truth is that U.S. taxpayers are giving an ex-tremist government in the Middle East over \$4 billioo a year. Your tax dollars and ours are buying weapons that have killed thousands of imocent people many of them children.

Even more disturbing, this regime's oumber one goal is to annex taken by military conquest. Not only does this violate American principles, but it is a major destabilising force in an already unstable part of the world.

In order to put this problem into perspective, just think back to last August, when President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Over 500,000 American troops were rushed to the Gulf to defend Sandi Arabia and liberate Kuwait. Thankfully, they sustained few casualties and are now beginning to come bome. American patriotism is at an all-time high. But our attention has been so fixed on responding to Mr. Saddam Hussein's crimes that the damage being done to our national interest by another Middle East leader is virtually ignored.

This other leader uses U.S.donated arms to enforce the virtual imprisonment of two million unarmed civilians. His regime dynamites thier homes, closes their schools, tortures innocent women and children, and keeps them under long and cruel cur-

The leader we are talking about is none other than Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. His government discredits the people he claims to serve and dishonours principles of decency and justice that all Americans

We know these are strong words. And speaking as former

Following is a letter addressed by U.S. congressmen with long re-the Council for the National Ingives as no joy. But how can we condemn one terrorist, and as the same time give billions of dollars of foreign aid to another? This is exactly what is bappening.

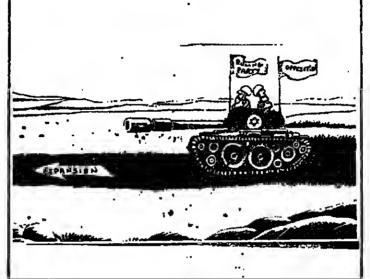
Most Americans are stunned to discover that Mr. Yitzhak Shamir's long record of terrorism reaches back in history for more than forty years.

Mr. Sbamir's brutality is documented by Dr. Israel Shahak, a survivor of a Nazi death camp and now a renowned Israeli professor. Dr. Shahak describes in the January 1991 issue of The Washington Report on Middle East Affairs how.... "During the whole of World War II, Shamir waged terrorist warfare against the allied powers fighting Hitler.... In the process, be masterminded the assassination of Lord Moyne, the British minister in charge of the Middle East."

In fact, Mr. Shamir was one of the gang leaders of the terrorist organisation named "Lehi" which ordered the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte, chief U.N. mediator for Palestine.

"Nearly half a ceotury later, Mr. Shamir hasn't changed. Now Mr. Shamir heads a regime that kills and abuses Palestinians. He denies them the right to vote, to hold jobs and even closes their schools and universities. It's no wonder that every American who speods any time in the West Bank and Gaza - the occupied territories - is borrified at the prisonlike conditions he imposes by force of arms on the Palestinians living there. But more shocking, the U.S. government does more than turn a blind eye to this savage oppression. Our hardearned tax dollars are even bankrolling it. Few of Mr. Shamir's abuses would be possible without U.S. financial aid. Just look at what our tax dollars are supporting.

Since 1987, more than 900 Palestinians have been killed by Mr. Shamir's cohorts. In fact, many Israeli soldiers refuse to serve in the occupied territories because they won't kill unarmed civilians. And the bad news gets worse. Israel's killing and abuse of children is even more horrifying. A recent 1,000 page report by the Save the Children organisation and the Ford Foundation provides oetails. A July 15, 1990, report in The Washington Post by



December 1988, 159 children wall. We protest South African under the age of 16 were killed by apartheid. soldiers. The average age was 10." McCarthy continoes: "Between 50,000 and 63,000 children were beaten, gassed or wounded. More than half of those slain were not near a demonstration wheo killed. Even after slaoghteriog children the Israelis (directed by Shamir) weren't content: soldiers disrupted or interfered with more than half the funerals."

In one ngly incident last June in Gaza, Israeli forces deliberately exploded tear gas canisters plainly labelled "made in U.S." inside a maternity hospital full of expectant mothers and infants.

And of course, Mr. Shamir's treatment of the Palestinians has been documented for years. Tens of thousands of Palestinians are imprisoned without any legal process or recourse. Israel's government admits that many are arrested to prevent them from doing something wrong in the We are sure you agree this is an

international outrage. This is not the kind of "justice" U.S. tax dollars should support. In fact, the history of America is the story of protectiog human rights. Whenever oppression occurs, we are usually the first to respond. We sacrificed 54,246 American

bves in Korea and later 57,605 lives in Vietnam, trying to save these tiny nations from commun-

We demanded the release of

Colman McCarthy, gives these Soviet Jews and of political prisoners in Central America. We "Between December 1987 and worked to bring down the Berlin

> Bot when Mr. Shamir's violations occur, America is silent. Israel's powerful U.S. lobby has a virtual stranglehold on the U.S. Coogress. No matter bow ontrageous Israel's behaviour, most congressmeo obediently vote for aid. As a result, the U.S. hands over the conivalent of \$1,000 every year for each Israel man. woman and child. No other nation gets as much U.S. foreign aid as Israel, and no other nation is less grateful. ·

> Last year, for example the Israeli government committed gross deception and fraud against the American taxpayer. Congress approved without question an additional \$400 million in U.S. tax dollar guarantees to Israel, under the condition that this money not be used outside Israel's pre-1967 borders.

> Yet as soon as the aid was given, Israel defiantly began the construction of 15,000 units for Jewish immigrants outside these borders.

> Still worse, Mr. Shamir recently asked President Bush for an astronomical \$10 billion in additional aid to finance the settlement of one million new immigrant Soviet Jews.

But even more shocking is the Shamir government's reaction to American sacrifices to liberate Kuwait and defeat Iraq, the neighbour fsrael considers its most dangerous enemy.

Israeli officials repeatedly

One would think Israel would be grateful when the attack began and give unstinting cooperation. After all, America has never hesitated to use our troops to protect Israel. When Israel faced missiles from President Saddam, we immediately seot Patriot missile crews to protect Tel Aviv! But instead of gratitude, Sha-

mir's government puts a huge price on cooperation - demanding \$3 billion from the U.S. Treasury to stay out of a war that Israel badly wanted as to win. Included was \$1 billion for

tourism it lost during the war, \$1 billion for lost economic output, \$250 million for lost export orders, and \$30 million for damages caused by Iraqi missiles. Almost every nation on earth suffered in some way from the war, but only Israel sent America

Still more disturbing is Mr. by force. Shamir's callous disregard for Ostrovsky, a former Israeli intelligence ageot, documents that Israel knew ahead of time that the U.S. . 'rine harracks in Beirut might be bombed in 1983

but refused to warn our forces. Incredibly, Mr. Shamir's government overruled a request that our forces be alerted. As a result, 241 U.S. Marines were killed in a truck-bomb massacre. Tel Aviv because Israel was "not there to protect Americans '

Mr. Shamir's Israel barms America in still other ways. Israel damages our repotatioo and undermines our national interest by using the weapons we supply to kill innocent civilians ontside the occupied territories. In its 1982 invasion of Leba-

non, Israel's forces used our weapons and military equipment to kill 19,086 Lehaoese and Palestinians, wound 31,915, and leave 20,000 others homeless. And all of this happened with weapons the U.S. gave to Israel only for its defence.

Sadly, the Israel of today is dream of decency and justice that 1948. Mr. Shamir's regime has terrorist regime.

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Israel's lobby, America has tragiurged America to attack Iraq. cally become a part of the prob-lem and not the solution.

The Council for the National Interest (CNI) was formed in 1989 by former U.S. congressmen and diplomats who are deeply disturbed over the damage the Shamir regime does to our nation's interests. Our membership has grown to include Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals, Christians, Jews and

CNI wants Israel to survive. Our organisation is committed to

preserving — yes, even helping to defend Israel's pre-1967 borders. But CNI strongly opposes — as does most of the world — Israel's illegal expansion over Arab territory. We are appalled and angered by Mr. Shamir's oft-repeated pledge that he is determined to keep "every square inch" of the land Israel has taken

CNI supports the two-state American lives. In the book, "By solution for the Israelis and the Way Of Deception," Victor Palestinians — the solution ensolution for the Israelis and the dorsed by many Israeli military leaders and members of parliament. This is the sensible answer that will allow Palestinians and Israelis to live in peace with each

It is logical and fair for everyone. CNI is committed to a uniform policy of decency and fairness for all peoples in the Middle East. America's condemnation of said it refused to warn our forces President Saddam Hussein's terrorism must extent also to the terrorism carried out by Israel's

The United States must oppose and speak out against Mr. Shamir's defiance of United Nations resolutions and his abuse of innocent people with the same determination as we condemn Saddam Hussein's.

CNT's oumber priority is to provide the grassroots support so that Congress will suspend aid until Israel stops violating human rights and blocking the U.S. peace process.

In fact, CNI is leading the charge in Washington, D.C. to tell all Americans, the Congress radically different from the and the national media about how our nation is being exploited brought Israel into existence in for the purpose of propping up a

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Why not Mario for president?

By John King The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Political and economic conditions are moving in directions that can only be encouraging to New York Gov. Mario Cuomo as he considers whether to enter the 1992 U.S.

presidential race. Polls show president George Bush still popular hut lagging, with growing anxiety about the nation's economy and increasing scepticism about government's ability to help the American mid-

Many Americans also are ex-

pressing discontent with Mr. Bush's seeming preoccupation with foreign affairs and are looking for a president who has a good track record on domestic issues — say, a popular governor of a major state.

Add to the economic trends a late-starting Democratic race that 'has no clear front-runner and a' field that many think lacks a candidate of the stature needed to defeat Mr. Bush.

There's more. Fund-raising has been tough for all six major Democratic candidates. It wouldn't be for Mr. Cuomo because of his New York base and national name recognition. And

with Jesse Jackson sitting out the race, Mr. Cuomo could appeal to many in Jackson's liberal coal-

decision on whether to run, which could come this week, many activists in both parties see all the reasons for a Cuomo run. Still, because Mr. Cuomo is the subject, every prediction comes

with a caveat. "Any rational decision-making process puts Cuomo in under these circumstances," said John White, the former Democratic Party chairman. "But Cuomo is

not going through what I would

call a rational decision-making

process. I'm totally perplexed by

What Mr. Cuomo has been going through is a public debate
— with himself — over whether So, as they await Mr. Cuomo's he can run without hurting New

The governor on Monday dropped on hints about his plans but he touched on the themes that have many in the party hoping for a Cuomo candidacy.

The president will not be able to deny the obvious evidence all around us, and that is that this economy is falling ever deeper," Mr. Cnomo said during an appearance in New York. "God helps those who help themselves.

Washington doesn't help any- nation in a new direction."

body."
Mr. Cuomo's shadow has always loomed over the 1992 Democratic race and his presence became a cloud of sorts two weeks ago when be first said publicly that he was considering

Since then, several polls have shown Mr. Bush's support among voters slipping as unease about the economy increases. A recent Washington Post-ABC poll, for example, found just 37 per cent of respondents favoured Mr. Bush's handling of the economy and 51 per cent agreed that "we

John Marino, the New York state Democratic chairman, acknowledged that economic and political developments in recent weeks have been favourable to the governor but added that Mr. Cuomo has long believed Mr. Bush was voinerable

"It has become obvious to everyone recently that Republicans may have serious problems next year, but Mario Cuomo has believed this for some time," Mr. Marino said. "So this new information may well be interesting, but it doesn't change things

need a president who can set the as we have seen them.

New Projects to improve life in Wadi Mousa

Trust seeks to protect Petra's heritage

By Alcen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

and the state of the

PETRA, capital of the Nabatacan Kingdom until 106 A.D. and afterwards a centre of trade routes up till the seventh century, was virtually forgotten in history until finally rediscovered by a Swiss traveller in 1812.

Today, however, Petra is the most famous archaeological site in Jordan and registered as a World Heritage Site by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

The entire greater Petra region in Wadi Mousa is a microcosm of human civilization. Remains from the Paleolithic, and Neolithic periods have been excavated. Hellenistic, Nabataean, Roman, Byzantine, early and middle Islamic, Crusader,

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periods have enshrined it with a legacy of 2,000 years of human settlement and activ-

The rose-red city of Petra fascinates all its visitors. Tourists make it a point to see as much as they can of the city carved out of the rock, while Jordanians take pride that such a marvellous treasure of history is in their

The bad news is that time takes its toll, and the ancient monuments are endangered by natural and man-made hazards among which are: Erosion caused by natural elements; damage by seismic activity, vehicles, and environmental degradation due to insufficient services to handle the thousands of visitors every year.

Does anybody care? Fortunately, yes. A group

Ottoman and contemporary of Jordanians, who sincerely care and believe that Petra should be protected and preserved for the enjoyment and pride of present and future. generations, have founded a society - The Petra National

Founding members of the Trust are Her Majesty Queen Noor, who is patron and honourary chairperson, His Royal Highness Prince Ra'ad Bin Zeid, Her Royal Highness Princess Majda Ra'ad, Dr. Rauf Abu Jaber, Ms. Suha Shoman, Mr. Rami

Khouri and many others.
Working closely with various concerned institutions, especially the Ministry of Tourism, the Department of Antiquities, Yarmouk University and the University of Jordan, the Petra National Trust (PNT) has embarked on a carefully studied plan with diverse aims, ranging from the preservation of antiquities to archaeological research and socio-economic development of the Wadi

Mousa region. Some of the work initiated by the PNT is already underway. The reason not many people have heard about the Trust is because the PNT has not publicised on a large scale ... yet.

"We have planned for 1992 to be the year for the official fundraising and membership drive," PNT Executive Director Omar Hayek told the Jordan Times.

"There will be a planned local and international campaign to acquaint people with the diverse heritage and the contemporary concerns of the Petra region," Mr. Hayek

Currently, the PNT's funding depends on membership fees and donations from

The most important single attribute that distinguishes the PNT is its interest not only in preserving the antiquities, but the entire culture and natural environment through the development of the Wadi Mousa region in general.

Gulf crisis. The Trust initiated a fundraising campaign to provide temporary employment for over 150 Petra area families who were totally dependant on tourists for

their income. The PNT is trying to launch income-generating projects to benefit the residents of the Wadi Mousa

A project is now underway to renovate an old marketplace in the centre of Wadi Mousa and to turn it into a handicrafts and arts centre that would generate income for the residents and provide additional attractions for

Jordanians and tourists alike. The PNT has also helped secure government approval to divert 20 per cent of entrance fees at Petra to the Wadi Mousa municipality for use in local projects.

"In less than one year, Wadi Monsa will get an almost complete facelift. There will be dramatic changes," Mr. Hayek said. The PNT is working closely

with architects and planners to study the possibility of beautifying and preserving the character of Wadi Mousa and the main road to Petra. The Trust has also consulted the Ministry of Tourism to define an architectural code and standards which would apply to construction in the area to preserve the traditional character of the region.

Concerning the more ur-gent need of preserving the antiquities, a project is now underway to study the brittle Nubian sandstone of Petra which is in danger of erosion from natural elements, urban expansion and the effect of thousands of visitors each year.

neavy rains in 1965 caused part of the upper facade of the Palace Tomb to collapse. Therefore serious international effort is required to prevent future damage by the consolidation and preservation of the monuments," Mr. Hayek noted.

"We would like to see more scious interest from a During the past year for professional-architectural example, tourism to Petra perspective to protect the

added.

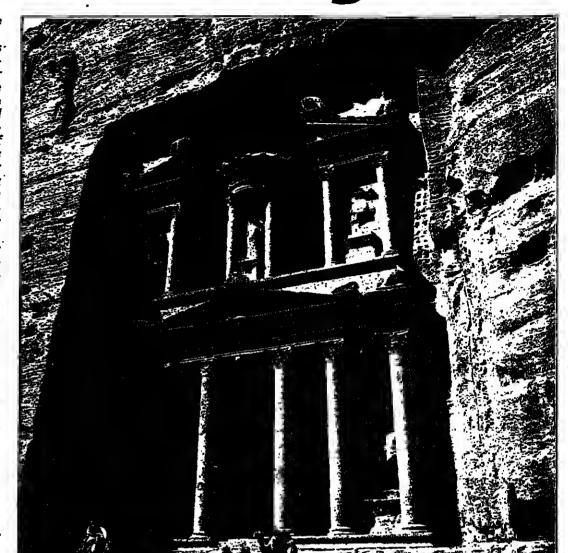
In this regard the PNT bas already commissioned a preliminary study on options for consolidating or repaving the Siq — the crack between the rocks that leads to the old city. The PNT has also worked with the Department of Antiqities to prohibit cars from using the Siq, and a new road has been built leading into Petra from the Umm Saihoun area for use by service or emergency vehicles

Another project currently underway is a survey of the area surrounding Petra to preserve it as a national park, especially since excavations have shown archaeological remains from earlier periods.

The PNT, in cooperation with the Department of Land and Surveys and the Department of Antiquities, is conducting a survey after which a map will be prepared for rezoning and reorganising the area as a first step to transform it into the Petra Nation-

al Park, Mr. Hayek said. "Most of our work is coordination and cooperation with the various concerned organisations and institutions to ensure the development of the Wadi Mousa region, while preserving the anti-quities and the historical and cultural heritage," Mr. Hayek pointed out.

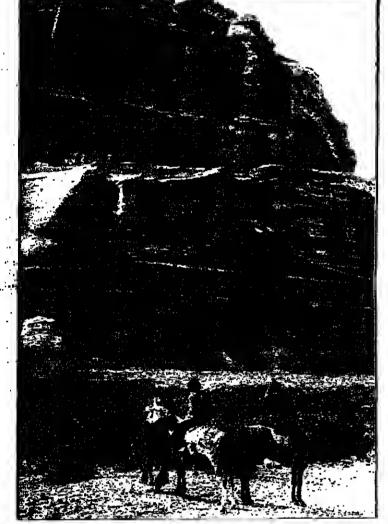
The PNT, through the office of Her Majesty Queen Noor, is coordinating with UNESCO on the provision of



The Treasury at the rose-red city

technical aid to undertake a long-term masterplan study of the entire Petra region.

The study would serve as a cluding the antiquities, the basis for the long-term de- natural environment and velopment of the region in- tourism services.



Obelisk tomb at Petra

Babushka's burden —

taking care of the family

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They spend endless hours shopping, cleaning, waiting in line. Grandmothers, or "babushkas," have shouldered the burden for years, and still do. The writer takes a look at how one "babushka" holds her family together.

By Wendy Sloane The Associated Press

KIEV, USSR — Lydia Patra rises early to begin hours of food shopping for herself, her daughter and grandmother. Her only companion on the daily treks is a laminated cloth bag on wheels.

"Every day I leave the apartment at 8 a.m. to buy eggs, but there aren't any," said Lydia, 74, checking her babki, or cheese pie, in the

When she goes to the crowded bread store, her daughter Lena, 41, is asleep on the pull-out couch in the living room. While Lydia waits in line to buy milk, her 18-year-old granddaughter, Lika, still snoozes in the bedroom the two of them share. By the time she returns, both are gone: Lena, a divorcc, to her job teaching Russian to foreign students at the Civil Aviation Engineering Institute, and Lika to Kiev State University, where she studies English translation

and Japanese. At the end of the day, they dren as well.

"I do something around the house," Lena insisted, eating a weekend lunch of spicy fried eggplant and tomatoes with beef, which Lydia had prepared. "I made cookies once. They were deli-

are tired and expect Lydia to

have a home-cooked dinner

What were supposed to be Lydia's golden years are filled with the daily grind of making sure her family has enough to eat. As the economy continues to deteriorate and a harsh winter threatens, Lydia and other grandmothers keep their families going.

The grandmother, or babushka, often is the backbone of the household. Because most women must work to make family ends meet, only the babushka can spend the hours in line required to obtain the ingre-

dients of a decent meal. Most men refuse to do household chores and baby sitters are virtually unheard of in the Soviet Union. Many elderly women raise their

grandchildren, and sometimes their great-grandchil-

It is not uncommon to see elderly women in their drab headscarves shuffling along the street carrying heavy, bulging sacks from a day's shopping.

Lydia, a heavyset former math teacher whose husband died nearly 10 years ago, has had two heart attacks in recent years and was hospitalised not long ago. In spite of her poor health, she still goes to the shops every day.

On one trip, she spent nearly one-fifth of her monthly pension for 11.7 kilogrammes (26 pounds) of potatoes, which she had to roll home in her wheeled bag. One night, she went out late to a subway station to give a nackage of butter and cheese to an acquaintance, who promised to deliver it to her 48-year-old son in Moscow.

"He told me it was hard to find butter there," she explained with a stoic shrug.

The daily quests are becoming even more difficult. The government raised prices drastically in April, tenfold for some ordinary items, and the family now buys nothing but food and necessary

Because of a strict rationing system in the Ukraine, vouchers are needed to buy clothes, appliances, food and most other goods at state stores. Bread and milk are exceptions.

No ration coupons are required at farmers' markets and "commercial shops" owned by cooperative enterprises, but their prices are far too high for most people.

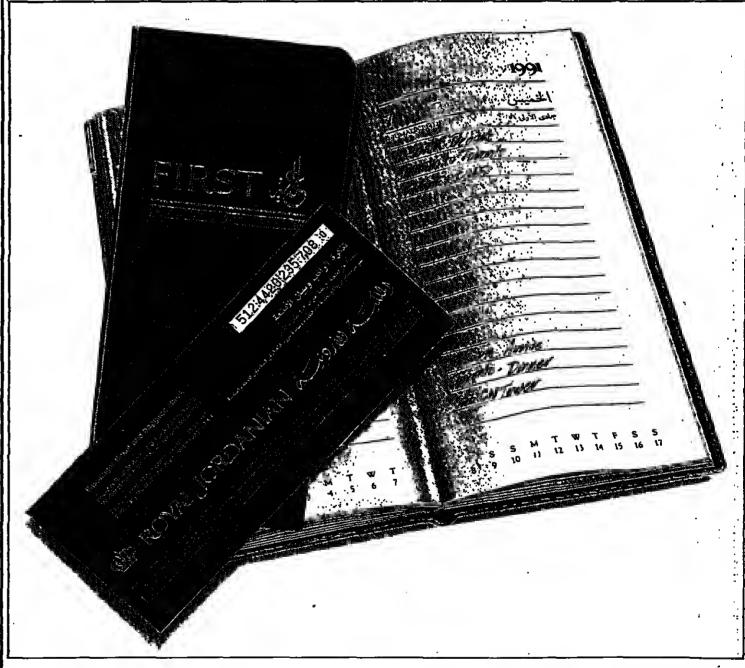
Lydia receives a monthly

pension of 175 rubles, up from 65 rubles in April; Lena earns 420 rubles a month and Lika, gets a stipend of 150 rubles from the university. All receive the bright yellow ration vouchers.

The combined incomes are barely enough to live on. Lena used to travel to Mos-

cow often to visit friends she met while attending a language institute there, but now it's too expensive: About 40 rubles round-trip.

"I began to think, my God, I'll return, and what are they going to eat?'," she said. "I can't let mama or Lika eat only porridge just because I felt like travelling to Moscow.'



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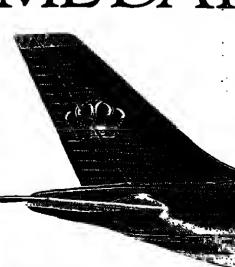
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Hairdressers

By Maha Addasi

Have you ever noticed how protective women are of their hair secrets. A woman could be at gun-point and the most she would admit to explain ber newly acquired blonde strands would be, "the sun." if you press further, she would rather swallow a cyanide pill than tell you the truth. And this applies to brands of hairsprays, cremes, and of

course, the best kept secret, the hairdresser's name, which is the entire reason for secrecy.

Well, it is not unusual that people have 'slight' communication problems with their hairdressers. At the slightest provocation as to ask for a trim, bolts of lightening illuminate the idea-zone of the hairdresser's brain who proceeds to tell you he or she has "just the hairstyle for

The result is often an unrecognisable being looking back at you from the mirror, such as a blonde with bair-texture competing with that of a broom's in place of a once-upon-atime brunette with gleaming hair.

Most women go through periods during which they bunt for the "good" hairdresser, fully equipped with hats, scarfs, and brown paper bags to camouflage minor disaster, during the hunt. Don't expect them to hand you the hairdresser's name on a silver platter. You must locate the place, the

Of course they do not come right ont and refuse to give you the name of the hairdresser. They just seem to get memory lapses just when you ask them. They do, however, recall parts of the directions:

"It is located on the second right after the steepest hill in Amman." That's all you get. As for the rest of the information, you have to investigate on your own. Try and pinpoint who it is and you will get a stream of 1 don't knows.

"Is the bairdresser male or female," you ask shrewdly. "I don't know," comes the answer.

It may sound almost impossible to locate a place with



such little information, but according to one hairdresser, it can be done. "One customer's husband found me in 30 minutes flat, with a gun," he said. "But 1 swear 1 didn't know she was trying to spite him when she asked for her long, beautiful hair to 'go'."

But to those women who never seem to find a good hairdresser, do not despair because there is a solution. Just do what men do. They find a hairdresser, any hairdresser will do. And they train him to cut their bair the way they like it. And from bence forth, they readily and faithfully, cross the seven seas and climb the seven mountains to follow that hairdresses. Even if these mountains are the steepest in Amman. ·

November birthstome

THE TOPAZ

Family — Crystal of fluosilicate of aluminium.

Colour - Yellow-gold, honey-yellow, deep sherry, pale brown, and, rarely, pink, red, and blue.

Geographical sources - Australia, Brazil, Mexico, USSR and the United States of America.

Legendary background - The most likely origin of the name topaz is its derivation from the old Sanskrit word, tapas, meaning fire. In ancient times it was said to ward offepilepsy and asthma. As a cure for insomnia the stones were first steeped in water to make a drink. In the Middle Ages it was thought that a topaz placed in a bowl of boiling water would chill it on the instant - the opposite to the ruby which was believed to make water boil. Oscar Wilde ibed the colours of the topaz ... "as yellow as the eyes of a tiger, topazes as pink as the eyes of a wood pigeon, and green topazes that are as the eyes of a cat.

Qualities - Faithfulness, true friendship, and loyalty.

Jewellery interpretations - The Roman Emperor, Hadrian, owned an ancient ring set with a topaz, and on it was inscribed a prophecy guaranteeing good luck to the wearer. In the early eighteenth century necklaces were in the form of a collar, with elaborate pendants, made of topaz ribbons and flowers. This gemstone was very popular in early Victorian times. Filigree was fashionable and pink topaz, combined with other stones like the green chrysolite, had settings of leaves, flowers and scallop shells, stamped from a light metal.

Today - A large square topaz or cut cabochon (dome), looks particularly arresting in a broad, polished gold

Notable November birthdays -- Martin Luther, Sir Winston Churchill

In the case of this particular birthstone, the CITRINE can be worn as an alternative. Precious topaz is seldom used in modern jewellery because of its increasing rarity.

JTV Channel 2 Weekly Preview

Thursday, Nov. 7 8:30 The Simpsons.

The one-thousand dollar hairtreatment medicine gives Mr. Simpson a totally different look, but not for long. 9:10 The Case Book Of Sherlock Holmes

The Disappearance Of Lady Frances Carfax

Dr. Watson's holiday encounter with the enigmatic Lady Frances brings Holmes rushing to the lake district just-as she disappears. 10:00 News In English

10:20 Movie Of the Week

Starring: Jack Lemmon and Ted Danson Loyalty and deep compas-

sion are the best medicine to fight cancer and old age.

Friday, Nov. 8 8:30 Coach

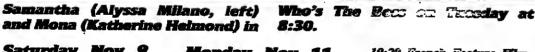
Haiden resorts to lying to get a wealthy lady to donate; he almost has it made, but the dog ruins everything.

9:10 Shakespeare King Lear

10:00 News In English 10:20 W.L.O.U.

Mother Nature's Son

The news director at Channel 2 is jailed for not revealing the name of the reporter who broadcast a story on police brutality.



Saturday, Nov. 9 8:30 Totally Hidder Video 8:30 Hey Dad 9:00 Encounter

9:30 Life On The Land 10:00 News In English 10:20 Feature Film

The Lookalike

Starring: Melisa Gilbert and Dianne Ladd

Sunday, Nov. 10

8:30 The Golden Girls

Great Expectation 9:10 Murder She Wrote

The Sins of Castle Cove

Mariam Howard, a young married woman, is found murdered at her appart-

ments. Jessica investigates the murder. 10:00 News In English 10:20 This Man ... This

Women

Monday, Nov. 11

9:10 Assignment

The Assignment team visits three nuclear plants .. two in Czechoslovakia and one in Bulgaria where safety records are not encouraging. 10:00 News In English

10:20 Gabriel's Fire The Descent

Tuesday, Nov. 12 8:30 Who's The Boss

The Kid

Tony and Angela must decide if they are ready for the challenge of raising a child when Billy's grandmother can no longer care for him and asks Tony to take him in.

9:10 Our House

Fifth Beatle 10:00 News In English 10:20 Franch Feature Film

Wednesday, Nov. 13 8:30 Ente And Allie

Young chip has a very big problem: How to bide the lact that he has failed his extens at school. 9:10 Cosmos

A personal Voyage Harmony of the worlds

Carl Sagan talks about observations that were made is the 17th century which marked the beginning of the modern science of astro-

10:50 News In English 19:29 Equal Justice

The Price Of Justice

The price of justice is always high and its implementation is more important than appearing political per-

Box full of wishes

By E. Yaghi

After the Friday prayer, the men congregated up on the roof of a drab gray house in which lived the groom. It was a nice October day where white whisps of cotton candy clouds oozed across a pale sky. The last remains of a fading moon lingered for a while as men bunched themselves in small groups around trays stacked with Mensaf (a tangy meat-topped rice dish) while the aroma of a cooked yoghurt sauce tempted their patience.

Inside the drab house, also gray and bare except for some bright hand sewn pictures, the groom's sister prepared her dress for the great event. "Ah," she sighed. "At last Nabeel is getting married. How wonderful. I'm so

happy for him!"
She looked in her mirror and saw her dark coffee eyes staring back. "If only I could marry too. But who will ever choose one such as me? Yes, my hair shines. It's so black it almost looks dark blue and it is smooth and fine but here my beauty ends, for in contrast to my hair, I'm the hunchback of my neighbourhood. I'm deformed and no one cares how pure my heart may be. Instead, people turn away in disgust as though my shape were unforgivable and something of my doing!"

A tear escaped her dark eyes and somersaulted down her cheek onto the torquoise satin dress she hugged in her arms for comfort. "Mama taught us always to be brave and not care what other people think. If only Papa were alive to see Nabeel on his wedding day, he would be so proud. Dear Papa, I miss him so. He was one of few who loved me for

my mind and heart!"
"Janeen," her mother called. "Didn't you finish dressing yet?" The women are coming soon and you must be ready.

"Yes, mother, I'm coming. Don't worry!" Janeen yelled back and she hurried to slip on her fine looking dress that failed to conceal her deformity. She fantasized she was Cinderella going to the ball.

"If only I had a box full of wishes, then I'd first wish to be normal. Second, I'd wish I didn't have the voice of a child and the body of a freak!" She sighed again as she put her last touch of pink makeup on her doll like face.

She timidly opened the door of her room and peeked about then she tiptoed out all dressed in turquoise with matching shoes hunched over herself. Most of the women ignored her as they heaved and panted up long twisting rounds of stairs. She saw her brother Nabeel dressed in a hlack suit fidgeting nervously at the end of the hall. "How's my beautiful Janeen today?" he asked as she approached. "Happy for my wedding?"

She managed a sparkle in her clouded eyes and said, "Of course. I wish you all the bliss and joy in the world and only crave that there was a little to spare for me! But hurry now, the women are coming. Go up on the roof with the men until its time for you to go and get your bride!" And she shooed him away and went to help her mother in the

"There you are Janeen. Remember what I told you. Don't slouch around trying to hide. Be proud of yourself.

Your body is just a shell that covers what you really are. I don't want you hanging around me. Go and greet our guests. I want to hear music and hear you singing and see you dancing! Your brother's getting married and its no time for feeling sorry for yourself or long faces. Your sisters are heady mixing with the guests. Go out and join them."

So she left the kitchen determined to make the best of her brother's wedding. She searched for her two sisters. She heard her sister Heyam singing and then saw her dancing with her other sister Randa. "Oh, Heyam looks so beautiful today. She is a Cinderella. But Randa's pathetic. Her hunchback which is less than mine is showing. How does she find the courage to act normal? At least Heyam isn't deformed like us.

Women got up and danced with the groom's sisters. They took turns. The older women, their thobes decorated with intricate and colourful cross stitch, waved their headdresses to the beat of a loud drum and twirled around lightfooted and cheerful. They were then replaced by younger girls who gyrated themselves in tune to songs as grins shyly spread on their faces. Heyam, the only normal sister, would dance for a while and then stop and clap, coaxing the other women to continue clapping and singing. Randa, less deformed than Janeen, danced for a while and then disappeared. Now, it was Janeen's turn. Heyam grabbed her arm and pulled her towards the middle of the circle. Janeen began to dance and pretend that she was the same as every one else. She almost believed herself until she saw two eyed little girls staring at her in astonishment, but she

couldn't give up now, not just yet. Her face grew red and she finally stopped for breath. She had now gained some confidence and roamed the room encouraging her audience to participate. She tried not to hear snickers of mocking laughter buzz behind her back. "They're not better than I," she said to herself. "I can't help how I am. If they can't accept me for what I am then I feel sorry for them."

One of the older women stood np and hugged her. "Come on," she said, "Let's go and get the bride!"
"No thanks," Janeen insisted, overwhelmed. "I'll wait

here and stay with those who want to remain behind." It was dark by the time honking taxis entered the narrow dirt street that led to Janeen's house. Out on the main road, young men sang and danced circles around the groom. Janeen limped up to the roof as fast as she could to catch a glimpse of her new sister-in-law and watch her brother as his friends hoisted him up on their shoulders. As the bride was part carried and part pushed by the wave of relatives that engulfed her, the bridal party wound its way np the narrow passage all the way to the drab roof which was to chair the host of onlookers. But at first Janeen's didn't see or hear the oncoming party. "If only I had a box full of wishes then I would wish to be normal, not a grotesque beast that people make fun of. I wish I could become somebody's bride too and live happily ever after," she whispered to herself as one tear slipped away from herclouded eyes and fell like a silver drop of dew on her soft satin torquoise dress which glittered under the glow of a smiling silent moon.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Thursday, Nov. 7 Soviet Union's celebration of

1659 - Peace of the Pyrenees is reached between Spain and France.

1733 - Spain and France sign Treaty of Escurial and form alliance against England.

1807 - Russia breaks off relations with England.

1876 - Russia prepares for war against Turkey.

1920 — Scrious famine breaks out in China. 1939 — Sovereigns of Belgium and Holland approach Britain's King George VI

1956 - British and French declare ceasefire in Egypt, but Britain says it will evacuate troops only on arrival of

advocating peace with Ger-

United Nations Emergency Force. 1966 — Chinese diplomats walk out of Bolshevik

anniversary celebration in Moscow after hearing Soviet criticism of Peking government. 1973 - United States and

Egypt announce they will resume diplomatic relations and exchange ambassadors.

1975 - India's supreme court reverses Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's conviction on two electoral offenses.

1981 — Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Ustinov savs USSR will never allow another nation to achieve military superiority.

1987 — Tunisia's President Habib Bourguiba is removed from office by his prime minister who says 84-year-old leader is too senile to rule.

1988 — Powerful earthquake just inside China's moutainous southern border kills 600 people.

1989 — Anti-Communist demonstrators, striking workers and clashes between police and protesters mar 1962 — United States com-

1990 - Shots fired near war with China. Mikhail Gorbachev during Soviet Union's Revolution Day parade; Irish voters elect radical feminist to presidency.

Friday, Nov. 8 1519 — Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez reaches

Mexico City. 1620 - Catholic League under Count Tilly Defeats army of Frederick of Bohemia at Battle of White Moun-

its 1917 Bolshevik Revolu-

1793 — Louvre Museum in Paris opens to public.

tain near Prague.

1880 — Civil war in Samoa begins. 1917 — Nikolai V. Lenin

becomes chief commissar in Russia and Leon Trotsky is named premier.

1950 - First battle between jet planes as U.S. fighters are attacked by North Korean MiGs near Yalu River in Korean conflict.

1956 - U.N. General Assembly demands that Soviet troops withdraw from Hungary.

1959 - United Arab Republic and Sudan sign agreement on sharing Nile waters after construction of Aswan

1977 — Israel shells Palestinian bases in southern Lebanon. 1990 - President George Bush orders 200,000 more

U.S. troops to Iraq; U.S.

readies U.N. resolution that

would authorise an attack on Saturday, Nov. 9

1937 — Japanese troops take Shanghai.

1938 — Bands of Nazis roam streets of Germany, burning and destroying Jewish synagogues, homes and pletes emergency airlift of arms and ammunition to India in that nation's border

1975 — Morocco's King Hassan calls off people's march into Spanish Sabara and says takeover of desert territory must be accomplished by other means.

1977 - Israeli fighterbombers attack targets in South Lebanon, and Lebanese government says two villages are levelled with at least 60 civilians killed.

1982 — Western sources say up to 2.700 civilians and Soviet soldiers in a convoy perished after fiery collision in Afghanistan mountain tunnel jammed with buses and trucks.

Sunday, Nov. 10

1944 — It is disclosed that Germany is using a new weapon - a V-2 rocket against England in World War ∏.

1956 — Baghdad Pact nations boycott Britain. 1962 - President of Yemen accuses Britain of plotting to overthrow regime. 1970 — Soviet Unjon re-

leases two U.S. generals, their pilot and a Turkish officer whose plane strayed across Soviet border. 1973 - U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger arrives in Peking and gives assurance

that United States is determined to complete normalisatin of relations with China as soon as possible. 1975 — Angola becomes

independence of Portugal in midst of civil war. 1976 — Syrian troops and tanker enter Beirut, Lebanon, without resistance under

agreement for multinational

Arab peacekeeping force. Monday, Nov. 11

1918 — Armistice for World War I is signed between Allies and Germany

1971 — China's chief delegates to United Nations arrive in New York City amid tight security arrangements; U.S. Senate ratifies treaty to. return island of Okinawa to

Japan. 1972 — United States turns over its big base at Long Binh to South Victnamese, symbolising end of direct U.S. participation in Vietnam War.

1973 — Egypt and Israel

sign ceasefire agreement sponsored by United States and begin discussions to carry out the pact. 1987 — Boris Yeltsin, who criticised what he called slow pace of Soviet reform, is

removed as Moscow Com-

munist Party chief. 1990 — China tells Iraq it will not use veto power to block U.N. Security Council resolution authorising military action to force it out of Kuwait.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

1927 - Leon Trotsky is expelled from Communist Party in Russia and Joseph Stalin becomes undisputed ruler.

1933 — Nazis dominate German elections. 1937 — Japanese troops occupy Chinese city of Shanghai:

1941 — Soviet troops halt Germans at outskirts of Moscow in World War II. 1948 — Japan's former Premier Hideki Toio and

other Japanese World War II

leaders are sentenced to death. 1956 - Janos Kadar refuses to allow United Nations observers into Hungary; Sudan and Tunisia join Un-

ited Nations. 1977 — Twenty-two nations open Arab League meeting in Tunis, and emphasis is on achieving solidarity.

ascends 2,600-year-old chrysanthemum throne in Japan.

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Ann-Margret at 50 — Popping her jaw and drying her eyes



By Dana Kennedy The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Ann-Margret, who up until now has been seated in a dignified fashion, clad in an elegant black turban and matching pants and boots, leans forward and opens her mouth

Pop silence. Crunch "Hear that?" Ann-Margret says and dissolves into gales of laughter. "That's my jaw."

That's her jaw in the aftermath of the near-fatal spill she took off a stage while performing in Lake Tahoe in 1972. She fell 22 feet (nearly 7 metres), breaking her jaw and leaving her face partly numb.

For anyone else, it would be a life-defining incident. But for Ann-Margret, it was all in a day's work - she was back on stage 10 weeks later. "My dad had terminal can-

cer and I was bound and determined to make him think I was going to be OK," she says. "So I got right back on stage even though I could barely move my mouth open at the time."

That kind of grit, however, has not been part of her public image. She's been stuck with the

tag "sex kitten" despite ber enduring career as a singer, dancer and Academy Awardnominated actress. She's made 40 feature films. She's 50 years old now, and even though her dancer's discipline and prominent Swedish cheekbones have kept her looking young, the term "sex cat" would be more appropriate.

movie-magazine monikers fade fast. Though she's been a star for 30 years, Ann-Margret conducts herself as if she were your next-door

But on meeting her, the

"We're very reclusive," she says, describing the life she shares in Los Angeles with her husband and manager of 24 years, Roger Smith. We don't go out a lot. We have friends we've had for 30 years. We have a smorgasbord every Christmas Eve. We lead a pretty normal

In the course of a rushed interview, barely 40 minutes, Ann-Margret will touch on subjects so diverse that some make her laugh and some make her cry.

Her co-stars have included many legends - Bette Davis, Jack Nicholson, Kirk Douglas, Bing Crosby and Steve McQueen. But when she remembers Elvis Presley, with whom she starred in Viva Las Vegas, or John Wayne, tears come to her eyes.

"Elvis and I saw each other for awhile," Ann-Margret says slowly. "Then we re-

mained friends for 14 years. I always knew his flowers because he sent them in the shape of a guitar." She remembers Wayne for his flowers, too.

"He was so great to my parents," she says. "When daddy died, he sent a bouquet of flowers."

Ann-Margret is no professional waif. She does not wear her sensitivity on her sleeve. It's just there, mixed in with some steel.

"I can be very, very emotional," she says. "That's just who I am. And I never get over anyone's death. They live with me, in my heart.

On Oct. 22, Ann-Margret made her New York debut at Radio City Music Hall, the first place she visited as a six-year-old fresh from the tiny Swedish village of Valsjobyn. Up until then, she had been reluctant to accept engagements in New York because they would have re-

quired her to be away from her family in California for too long a period of time. Radio City was more than just another venue for her.

Bye Bye Birdie, the movie that made her a star, had its world premiere at Radio City in April 1963. People lined the street to see the film and it broke a 30-year music hall

"I took my parents to the premiere," she remembers. "We all looked up at the marquee with my name on it and there were tears in our

Her mother, now 72, was in the audience when Ann-Margret took the stage with 46 of her own dancers for the six-day show last week, as well as the Rockettes. The date was also her father's birthday. Her father died in

Smith, who has been accused in the past of exerting a Svengali-like hold on his wife, was there as well. Smith starred in the TV series 77 Sunset Strip before giving up his acting career to manage Ann-Margret's career.

To hear her describe it. Smith is the brains and the brawn behind the artist, allowing Ann-Margret the huxury of nurturing a long career without having to fight. a lot of battles.

But she's quick to point out that it's a partnership. Smith. has myasthenia gravis, the same neuromuscular disease that caused the death of Ar-: istotle Onassis. He's in remission now but his condition could change at any time.

Ann-Margret said her future plans all revolve around: Smith's health.

"It's all up to him," she says. "It's very simple. He's my family and my family is all that matters. It makes it very simple."

Salsa music — Japan's latest hot export

By David Thurber

The Associated Press TOKYO - When a New York agent first heard their demonstration tape, he refased to believe that a Japanese band could play salsa so well. Four years later, Orquesta de la Luz is attracting large audiences worldwide.

"Until recently, not many non-Spanish people played Latin music," said vocalist Carlos Kanno. "But it's a wonderful culture, and the music deserves to be played around the world."

The Japanese band's debut album went gold a month after its release last year in the United States, then went platinum. One track, Salsa Caliente Del Japaon (Hot Salsa From Japan), topped the billboard Latin chart for 10 weeks.

And in such disparate venues as Tokyo, New York, Miami and numerous Latin American cities, the group is packing them in.

The triumph contrasts with the failure of most other Japanese music groups to make it big overseas - attributed by some to differences in musical tastes, by others to a lack of creativity in Japanese popular music.

The group's 12 congenial members also are credited with lifting salsa's contagious rhythms and driving percussion from obscurity to trendiness at home in Japan.

At a recent Tokyo concert, hundreds of fans pressed against the stage as powerful lead vocalist Nora exuberantly sang Salsa No Tiene Frontera (Salsa Has No Borders). "Don't be surprised that

we're Japanese," she sings in

Spanish. "There are no borders, no barriers. This music is for all." Several band members say

they became interested in salsa after Latin percussionist Tito Puente visited Japan in 1979 and lectured on Latin jazz. Pente, an idol for the group, plays on one song on their second album.

After it formed in 1984, the band began playing at small Japanese clubs, "but we couldn't get anyone to come," Kanno said. "There were times when there were more people in the band than in the audience."

They saved money for years to pay their way to New York, home of salsa - literally "sauce," a danceable blend of Latin music styles and first played a tiny club in

"We had tourist visas, so

ments with as when we left Japan. We showed up at the chub an hour before the concert with no instruments. The promoter was shocked."

Kanno recalled. They managed to borrow old instruments, including a keyboard with peeling keys, pianist Satoru Shionoya said.

"The audience looked as if it didn't know what to expect," he remembered. "I thought we would be booed off the stage. But with the first note, the audience was on its feet, cheering. We couldn't believe it."

With typical Japanese precision, the four-man percussion section keeps the audience moving with complex rhythms. balanced by a smooth four-man brass line.

All the members, especially clear-voiced Nora, convey

we couldn't take any instru- a Jove for their adopted music.

> "They're doing excellently for being Japanese and for the short time they've been together," Latin jazz percussionist Poncho Sanchez said on a recent tour in Japan.

> "For a long time, when salsa was popular elsewhere in the world, it wasn't here. But things have changed in the past year. Orquesta de la Luz has helped a lot," he said. "Still, they're going to have to live the music a little

Band members are glad more Japanese are becoming salsa fans, but want the music to be more than a passing trend.

"In Japan, music is fashion, and salsa has become a current fashion." Kanno said. "Japanese still what kind of music they really like, and instead have their tastes formed by the media.' But that's beginning to change, he said.

Other Japanese salsa bands are sprouting op, and they also hope their music will affect Japanese society by introducing it to Latin culture, in which music is more a part of everyday life.

"In Japan there aren't many amateur bands that continue playing together just for enjoyment. We want to create that kind of culture," said Yuzo Suenaga, a post office worker who plays with the group Cuba Libre.

"We've been lucky," Kanno said. "We can always play overseas if salsa loses popularity in Japan.

"But we think it's important to live in Japan and play don't decide by themselves our music here.

Gregory Peck makes 56th film

By Hillel Italie The Associated Press

NEW YORK -- When Gregory Peck began making films, the old studio system was breaking down and an actor's image depended as much on his own instincts as on the judgment of a studio boss.

It came naturally to Peck, whose stage work in college had transformed him from a shy teenager to a confident young adult. He was only six when his parents split up and by the time he arrived in Hollywood in the early 1940s, he had learned to make all the important decisions by himself.

"Maybe I had an indifferent, stubborn streak which may have come from an instinct for self-preservation nd the knowledge I was going to have to do it on my own, nobody was going to help me," Peck explained during a recent interview.

"I was never owned by anybody. I never signed an exclusive contract. I was pretty much a free-lance player. I can take some of the credit for the successes and a lot of the blame for the failures. I never thought anybody was shaping me or creating an

But the parts he settled on quickly formed a pattern: The earnest missionary of his second film, The Keys Of The Kingdom, the crusading journalist of Gentleman's Agreement, the kindly farmer of The Yearling.

He tried playing bad guys, in DUEL In The Sun, as Captain Ahab in Moby Dick and, more recently, as a Nazi m The Boys From Brazil. But the public liked him best when he stood for something good, when he atoned for his violent past in The Gunfighter or faced down a lynch mob in To Kill A Mockingbird.

Gregory Peck "It's easier to be a bed guy," he insisted, "because

the script does so much for : you, because it informs the audience and the other chracters that when you come on you're going to do something ntimidating, threatening, scary, terrorising maybe.

"I don't mean to defend my way of working against any other way, but in my point of view it's harder to make the good guy interesting. He's liable to be dull unless to you invest a lot of feeling in it. Maybe I was successful in those parts because I was able to make an emotional identification,; Well, it ain't over yet."

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Tall and silver-haired, with: dark, imposing eyebrows, the 75-year-old Peck is perhaps, more handsome now than in his days as a leading man. He looked well in gray slacks and a dark blue blazer. His: face has filled out without obscuring the lean, smooth features of his youth.

His new film, his 56th, is Other People's Money, and if it had been made 50 years ago the part of kindly company executive Jorgy Jorgeńson might have been filled by. Walter Huston or Lionel Barrymore, veteran actors whose presence communi-. cated warmth and integrity.

Berlin's cult cabaret adapts to united Germany officials, intellectuals and pri-

By Mark Heinrich

Reuter BERLIN — It used to enjoy underground fame for dodging Communist censors with metaphorical skits like "the people's listen and look company," code for the security police no one dared lampoon

In a new era of free speech, the Distel Cabaret Theatre has bolstered its satirical salvos with real names, facts and a lot more research. And it's paid off - shows are once again sold out and full of laughs, like the Distel of old.

Steeped in a Berlin burlesque tradition immortalised by the Hollywood movie "Cabaret," the Distel (Thistle) has evolved from a careful tweaker of east German Communist orthodoxy to a withering critic of the follies

of German unification. "In two hours at the Distel you can learn more about this

growing together of (east and west) Germans than by reading the best newspapers," Distel Theatre director Gisela Oechelshaeuser said in an interview with Reuters.

"We speak to all of Germany today but from the perspective of our roots as east Germans," she said of the ensemble that has performed in a shabby little theatre opposite east Berlin's Friedrichstrasse Railway Station since 1953.

"Our goal is to give Ossies (east Germans) the spirit to face the burden of their past and the challenge of the fu-

ture," added Ms. Oechelshaeuser, 48, a 25-year cabaret veteran whose politics are, like most east German artists, left-liberal.

Buoyed by tours of West German cities and television appearances, the Distel has begun its maiden season as a privatised company to rave

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reviews. Special shows are planned in London and Oxford, England in late November. The Distel is one of the few

east German cultural institutions to flourish after unification. Homegrown theatre, moviemaking and media, shorn of subsidies, have been shattered by an influx of Western competitors.

An apt title for the Distel's new programme, spoken in thick working-class Berlin accents, might be "Post-Unification Blues." fication Bines." Excerpts

from topical numbers, with choice one liners: - Economic collapse in east Germany. 'The only thing we produce any more is

dismal statistics." - East German attitudes towards employment. "In the old days my buddy and I were conscientious objectors. We

refused to work." - East Germans desper-

ately trying to shed their socialist skin. East German wife to husband's west German mentor: "Will it be enought if he throws out his 36 volumes of Marx-Engels

> - East Germans as second-class citizens. Two prostitutes wait in west Berlin grumbling why they get paid only 60 per cent of what their western sisters command.

East Germany's 1989 democratic revolution, which spawned unification, forced sweeping changes in the Distel's act.

After years of being able to stage up to 400 shows with the same script, the Distel suddenly had to rework its material almost daily to keep pace with the dizzying tumult of events and preserve its

"Everything said on stage could now be read in newspapers. We had to do much more homework," said Ms.

Distel attendance sank as east Germans' attentions turned to material survival in a new competitive world.

Financially pressed as state subsidies evaporated, the Distel slashed an inflated staff of writers, actors, musicians, singers and technicians from 65 to 20 raised ticket prices.

The audience gradually trickled back.

"Sixty per cent are Wessies (west Germans) now. And we've recovered Ossi fans who realise they are cheating themselves if they shut out their own culture. Plus. tickets are sold at cut rates to the unemployed," Ms. Oechelshaeuser said.

Under Communist rule, the Distel survived as "licensed court jesters," as British author John Ardagh put it, only because its audience was tiny - mainly party

It was barred from television and tickets were hard to

vileged foreigners like diplo-

Party culture officials vetted scripts in advance. But Ms. Oechelshaeuser said actors could confound the ceasor with clever figurative

wordplays and improvised

body language.

"We were forbidden to be direct. But actors and audience all knew the daily lies (imposed by ideology). Life here was play-acting on a grand scale, so we had great fun bamboozling the censor," Ms. Oechelshaeuser recalled.

One memorable sketch in early 1989 dealt with growing popular pressure for western travel. It had actors going on tour to the west with a secret police minder who ended up having to play the rear end of a pantomine horse.

Peck has that stature now, Biggest-ever' Rembrandt exhibit also shows what's not a Rembrand

By Larry Thorson The Associated Press

BERLIN — The Rembrandt experts speak and, around the world, owners of Rembrandt paintings tremble. Some change labels, but others resist.

The process called "deattributing" Rembrandts began in the 1930s. It gained new attention in September, with the opening in Berlin of a major exhibition of works by the 17th century Dutch

"We show the whole Rembrandt," said Jan Kelch, a ranking curator of the German National Museums in Berlin. "I think it's the big-

gest exhibition ever held on Rembrandt."

After Berlin, the exhibit will be seen in Amsterdam and London. It includes nearly 50 certified Rembrandts and more than 30 paintings ascribed to members of the master's workshop, some signed with his name.

Six Rembrandts each are from the national Gallery in London, the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam and Berlin's National collection. There are loans from 32 other museums and private collec-

Oueen Elizabeth II of Britain sent two Rembrandts and a painting that was considered a Rembrandt until

1986, when it was attributed to Isak Jouderville. "Losing" a Rembrandt is a blow to the art world and the

For years, people take friends and relatives to see the star of the local museum. to admire the master's touch with light and shade, the tender feelings that glimmer from dark canvases,

Then the experts say Rembrandt's signature was put on a painting done by Gerbarnd Van Den Eeckhout or someone else working for the real master, Rembrandt Harmensz Van Riin.

What to do, curse the art experts? Start loving Rembrandt's pupils?

At least, the exhibition "Rrembrandt and his workshop" shows how it happens.

The art institute in Chicago, for instance, was given a painting in 1894 called the Young woman At An Open Half-Door. It is signed Rembrandt and sometimes was thought to depict one of the two women wh lived with the painter after his wife died in

Its authenticity came into question in the 1960s. The Chicago Museum withdrew the Rembrandt label several years ago and lent the painting to the Berlin exhibition to be shown as a work of Samuel Van Hoogstraten, a pupil of the master.

"We of course had to inform the lenders in advance and convince them of the loss of attribution," Mr. Kelch

said. 'Most were convinced. The exception was Stuttgart." The Staatsgalerie in the southern German city has a red-toned self-portrait labelled Rembrandt, but Mr.

Kelch and his colleagues believe it was painted by Aert De Gelder, the master's last pupil.
'It's a pity we couldn't have this painting," for the exhibit, Mr. Kelch said. "All

(major) students of Rem-

brandt are represented ex-

cept De Gelder. ...the gallery

in Stuttgart still is convinced

it is a Rembrandt.

Christian Von Holst, deputy director of the Stuttgart Gallery, said in a telephone interview: "In Stuttgart, it is a Rembrandt.'

Von Holst said the way art historians determine attribution could change. An artist's body of work may shrink under assault by the experts, he said. "Then comes" a new generation of art historians, and they say, 'you were too

In 1986, art lovers in Berlin were shocked by Mr. Kelch's decision to remove the Rembrandt label from The Man

The painting is the main attraction of Part II of the

In A Golden Helmet.

exhibit, about members of Rembrandt's workshop. Accompanying it is a long explanation of how de-attribution followed analysis of style

and scientific research. X-ray techniques can reveal dark pigments in the underpainting, showing how a work was altered, redesigned and built in stages. These are invisible signs of an artist's style that help the experts decide the identity of the painter.

Like the Chicago painting, many former Rembrandts were signed with his name. Mr. Kelch said those who commissioned the canvases probably knew they weren't getting the master's work.

"It was normal in the 17th-, century," he said. "He was like others who had huge workshops with pupils who learned his style, worked for a while in his style and were engaged in huge production of Rembrandt paintings. It had to do with the great pupularity of Rembrandt in his lifetime."

Mr. Kelch said he expected . the Rembrandt research project in Amsterdam to reduce. the number of confirmed Rembrandt paintings eventually to about 240.

It's a big drop from the 740 cited in a 1921 Rembrandt catalogue, he said, "but it is a lot, compared with other

AIDS America — 100 deaths a day and the pace is quickening

By Bernd Debusmann Reuter

WASHINGTON — Ten years into the AIDS epidemic, the figures are all bad and getting worse. AIDS now kills more than 100 Americans a day. By 1993, the death tall is predicted to top 300 a day.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), the United States accounts for almost half the cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). reported worldwide since the disease entered medical history in 1981

Relative to size of population, the United States has almost nine times the incidence of AIDS as Britain and three times that of France. In the first decade of

AIDS, the disease killed 120,000 Americans - more than the Korean and Vietnam wars combined. Experts say the next decade is bound to be worse even if there were not a single new case of infection from now on.

The Centres for Disease Control (CDC) estimate that at least one million Americans have been infected to date with the AIDS-causing HIV virus that strips the body of its immune defences.

The alarming speed with which AIDS is spreading in the United States and worldwide has been spotlighted by two unrelated but equally grim reports by the National Commission on AIDS, a hipartisan body set up in 1988, and the WHO in

Monitoring the relentless march of AIDS across the

globe, the WHO said that 163 countries had reported a total of 418,403 cases of AIDS in the past 10 years. The United States accounted for 191,601

The second-highest total -21,719 — cases was reported from Uganda. Brazil had 19.361. the highest in Latin America. France had 15,534 cases, the most in Europe.

The U.S. National Commission combined a bleak sessment of the prospects of slowing down the spread of AIDS with blistering criticism of the health system, government apathy and American attitudes towards the disease

Efforts to prevent the spread of AIDS and provide care for those who already had it, the commission noted, were hampered by "two des-

"They are a thinly veiled feeling that those who acquire the virus are getting what they deserve and a collective. indifference to their

The commission deplored what it termed 'the innocent' guilty mindset" of Americans who hold little sympathy for the largest group of AIDS sufferers: Homosexual men who contracted the disease through anal intercourse and drug addicts infected by sharing contaminated needles.

There has been a dominant undercurrent of hostility towards many people with HIV disease ..." the commission

Public opinion polls show that such views are slowly changing. In 1987, a Gallup survey showed that 42 per

cent of the population thought AIDS was punishment for a decline in moral standards. This year, only 34 per cent said they thought so.

Similarly, in 1987 almost half those interviewed thought most people with AIDS had only themselves to blame. Today, nnly a third say they think this way.

The "innocent/guilty mindset" has been spotlighted by huge outpourings of public sympathy for AIDS victims who did not contract the disease sexual contact or drug

A few years ago, Ryan White, a teenager infected through a blood transfusion, aptured national attention. More recently, the plight of Kimberly Bergalis, a Florida woman who contracted the disease from her dentist,

So weakened in the final stage of AIDS that she could barely speak, Ms. Bergalis appeared before a congressional committee to testify in favour of a bill that would require surgeons, dentists and other health professionals to be tested for the HIV

"AIDS is a terrible disease that we must take seriously, Ms. Bergalis said. "I didn't do anything wrong but I'm being made to suffer for this." The inference could be drawn: Other AIDS sufferers did something wrong.

U.S. medical organisations, including the American Dental Association, oppose mandatory tests or restrictions because they say the risk of a patient being infected by a health worker is minimal.

The Bergalis case was the only known doctor-patient transmission. Health experts say it diverted attention from the main issues in the AIDS

According to the AIDS commission, these include the absence of a national AIDS plan and the social and economic ills which have turned parts of U.S. cities into slums that rival those of the Third World.

The commission noted that a disproportionate number of AIDS sufferers are black, Hispanic and poor. While black Americans make up 12 per cent of the population, for example, they account for 28 per cent of AIDS cases.

"The epidemic is widening most rapidly among poor people in inner cities

group that historically has had difficulty in gaining, access tn and finding payment for primary care services, the commission noted.

Unlike must other developed countries, the -United States has neither a cabinet-level AIDS strategy nor universal health care. Some 37 million Americans have no health insurance at

In the face of this, there is growing criticism of the Bush administration for lack of resolve to tackle the crisis

A New York Times editorial said: "Several decades ago, (President) Franklin D. Roosevelt roused a generation of Americans to fight polio, a scourge to which he himself had fallen victim. Today, faced with an even worse epidemic, President Bush is shockingly mute.'

Sceptics urge caution on laser surgery as alternative to eyeglasses

By Lee Siegel

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, California --Some doctors say laser-beam eye surgery may let millions of nearsighted people throw away eyeglasses or contact lenses. But critics argue the procedure's safety and effectiveness will remain questionable for years.

Laser light already is widely and legitimately used for eye surgery to control glaucoma; treat injury or diabetes damage to the retina; and clear the haze that can form around artificial lens implants. But controversy surrounds

the use of Excimer lasers to correct mild to moderate myopia, or nearsightedness. The outpatient surgery, named Photorefractive

Keratectomy or PRK, uses an Excimer laser beam to vaporise thin layers of tissue off the centre of the cornea.

The cornea is the transparent covering that, with the lens, helps focus light on the retina, or back of the eye. Nearsightedness can be corrected because the surgery flattens the cornea so it properly focuses light on the re-

George Waring, an opthalmologist at Emory University in Atlanta, said the surgery allows 85 per cent to 90 per cent of patients who get it to discard their glasses or contact lenses. The rest still must wear glasses. A few suffer insignificant or temporary side effects, he said.

Critics say it's safer to wear glasses or contacts. They worry about side effects, including creation of a grey haze in the eye that can slightly impair vision, at least temporarily, and a "night halo" effect in which a few patients see halos around

Doctors on both sides said the operation's long-term effectiveness in correcting nearsightedness remains unknown because the first U.S. operation was performed only two years ago. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is not expected to approve widespread use until at least mid-1994.

Nevertheless, 7,000 to 10,000 people worldwide including about 1,000 Americans - already have undergone the surgery, said Dr. Carmen Puliafito, ophthalmology chairman at Tufts University in Boston.

Some 60 million to 70 million Americans are nearsighted, and 80 per cent of them have mild and moderate nearsightedness that could be corrected with laser surgery,

Dr. Waring said. Sceptics say it's too soon to tell how effective the process

"This procedure is still in its infancy," said Scott MaCrae, an ophthalmologist at Oregon Health Science University and a consultant to the FDA. "We need a good halfdecade to see what the surgery really does in terms of effectiveness and safety,"

Because laser myopia surgery doesn't weaken the eyeball, it may prove safer than radial Keratotomy, the nearsightedness operation in which the surgeon uses a knife to reshape the cornea

with a starburst-pattern of incisions.

Laser surgery for nearsightedness will cost about \$800 to \$1,500 per eye, about the same as radial Keratotomy, Dr. Waring said. That could prove cheaper than glasses or contact lenses in the long run.

Many eye doctors level identical criticism at laser surgery and radial Keratotomy: Why cut or zap your eyeballs to treat nearsightedness that can be easily corrected with glasses or contact

"Having this done in your eves to get rid of your glasses is nonsense," said Tom L. Johnson, an Oklahoma City ophthalmologist. "Why take a healthy myopic eye and expose it to surgery?"

Dr. Waring says the risks of the surgery are minimal, although it may increase the need for reading glasses when patients reach age 45.

In the latest trials at Emory, 90 per cent of nearsighted patients who underwent laser surgery had vision that improved to at least 20-40 -the acuity needed to pass a driver's licence test - while half improved to 20-20, Dr.

Keith Thompson said at the Atlanta conference.

Doctors don't yet know if they can repeat the laser operation on patients for whom an initial operation fails to adequately correct nearsightedness.

The laser-treated comea occasionally gets hazy as it tries to heal, so vision can get slightly worse, even with glasses, in some patients .!

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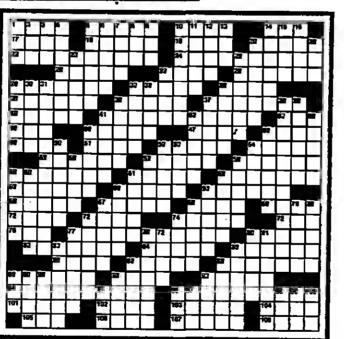
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implants move like real eyeballs By Lee Siegel American Academy of The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, California -Artificial eyeballs that move- the academy's 95th annual About 4 million Americans planted in 4,000 people and may help many people embarrassed by odd move-

eyes, experts say. Patients who receive the new implants risk suffering complications, including a chance the device will get infected, tend to move outward and therefore require removal.

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But doctors expect that as they implant more of the new artificial eyeballs, the complication rate will be the same as for traditional implants. ·

The new implants have 90 per cent of the movement of real eyes, compared with an average of 25 per cent of normal movement for older types, according to the Ophthalmology.

The improved artificial eye was discussed recently during

have lost an eye due to injury, infection or other disease, according to the eye doctors' group. Each year, at least 10,000 Americans lose an eye.

implant or artificial eyeball that is surgically placed in the eye socket and is never seen, and a removable plastic shell designed to look like a natural eye. All three types use a similar shell.

Improved artificial eye

There are three types of artificial eyes. Each consists of an

The newest type of implant is made of sea coral treated with heat and chemicals so it becomes the same mineral as human bone. Eye socket muscles and blood vessels grow into the implant. Six months after surgery, a hole is drilled into the implant and

a peg is used to attach the receives royalties. shell to the implant, allowing almost completely normal

The traditional implant is a rubber. The shell placed over it is not directly connected to the implant, so the fake eye's limited movement depends on muscles that control the eyelids and eye socket.

Another type of implant is similar, but has bumps that fit into dimples on the shell, allowing movement that is better than traditional implants but not as good as the newest model.

The coral implant probably will become "the standard way to rehabilitate the person who has lost an eye," said Arthur C. Perry, a La Jolla ophthalmologist who invented the new implant and licensed integrated orbital implants to manufacture it. He is the privately held company's medical director and Jordan Archer of San

Diego had her traditional artificial eye replaced with the improved kind of implant п 1989. "It's 100 per cent better,

said Mrs. Archer, who lost her left eye because of damage caused by diabetes. She said that until she received the moveable eye, people often would ask her, "gee, what's the matter with your eye?"

"As anyone with a traditional implant will tell you, the artificial eye's conspicuous lack of movement is a very real stigma," said. Dr. Michael A. Callahan, a Gniversity of Alabama at Birmingham eye specialist. "Other people stare or they look away. This causes some real psychological suffering."

The improved fake eye first was implanted in a human in 1985 and gained U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval in 1989.

Suicide doctor says patients should be allowed 'civil right' to end their lives

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By Josh Lemieux The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY - Society should allow suffering patients to end their lives as a civil right, said a doctor who last week helped two disabled women commit suicide.

"Finally our society is beginning to address the last of the great civil rights issues,' Dr. Jack Kevorkian said in a telephone address Friday to a conference here.

"None of the critics have really focused on one of the most important elements of this debate - and that is an individual's right to make a final decision," Dr. Kevorkian said.

Dr. Kevorkian, speaking publicly for the first time since assisting in the Oct. 23 suicides of Michigan residents Sherry Miller and Marjorie Wantz, likened medical ethics in the United States to the ethics of Nazi doctors.

"The Nazi laws in the '30s made doctors do what they should not have done," he said. "Our civilisation is equally culpable because we have equally immoral laws which, on the contrary, force doctors not to do what they should be doing." Thirty-one states, includ-

ing Missouri, have laws against doctor-assisted suicide, and the American Medical Association (AMA) opposes the practice. Critics say Dr. Kevorkian's

views could lead to unregulated killing of people whose mental competence could be questioned.

Dr. Kevorkian's comments were carried over loudspeakers at a conference sponsored by free inquiry, a secular humanist magazine. He took no questions and did not discuss the recent suicides. which are being investigated by prosecutors in Michigan.

Last year, Dr. Kevorkian helped Janet Adkins, diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, commit suicide in his van with his so-called suicide machine. First-degree murder charges brought against him were later dropped.

Ms. Miller, 43, had multi-ple sclerosis. Ms. Wantz, 58, suffered from a painful — but not terminal - disease that required 10 pelvic opera-

Dr. Kevorkian's lawyer, Genffrey Fieger, had shielded his client from public appearances since the women killed themselves in a remote cabin north of Detroit. Ms. Wantz used a suicide device similar to what Ms. Adkins used. Miller breathed carbon monoxide



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King, Arafat review outcome of talks

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He said that the joint lordsnian-Palestinian delegation will, in the coming stage, he split into Jordanian-Israeli and Palestinian-Israeli wings with each wing having its own agenda, out coordination will continue obstween the Jordanian and DEPalestinian sides on all issues. non Mr. Sharif condemned Israel's

Continued settlement in the occupied territories, including a new solutilement inaugurated on Mon-liday in the Golan Heights.

ly concerned at the continuation of the settlements because if you continue you are making a farce, the "coinedy of the whole peace" process," he said. You cannot talk about land-

a for-peace when the land is being laughblied by the other side," he galded, in a reference to U.N. resolutions 242 and 338 which coform the basis of the peace talks. in the coming stage of the talks the question of settlements will be seriously discussed because the issue is of paramount import-Since and should be given priority, White minister said.

of Mr. Arafat said on arrival 19 Paesday that the first round of bilateral talks between Arab deegations and Israel in the Middle East peace conference were suc-

The results of the first round of negotiations in Madrid were successful in general from the Arab and Palestinian perspec-Mr. Arafat told reporters in an arrival statement.

Mr. Arafat said during his stay in Jordan, he would assess the outcome of the Madrid talks with King Hussein and coordinate future stages of Arab-Israeli peace

A PLO official said Mr. Arafat and King Hussein will form several joint committees entrusted with maintaining close coordina-tion between the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation and the Jordanian government and the PLO.

Speaking oo condition of anonymity, the PLO official said the committees, ranging from political to information, will direct the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation during all stages of negotiations with Israel.

All decisions will be made by King Hussein and Arafat and will be relayed to the joint negotiating team through these committees, the PLO official said.

Delegation returns from Madrid

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and that we are challenging them internationally on moral and polifical basis," said the professor of English literature. Dr. Ashrawi predicted that

eventually, the negotiations would lead to something positive after what she described as a "long and hard political battle" it and with the continued support of othe rest of the world.

inc. "Always challenge, always ostand up for your rights and always prepare your case very well," Dr. Ashrawi stressed. "And I think we are capable of Societ it. The Palestinian spokeswoman

*described Israeli Prime Minister -z:Yitzhak Shamir's speech at the Madrid conference as a "maximalist position," which she said was common Israeli policy. But she insisted that the "big no" should never be taken for granted and that it must be challenged. "This is what we have learned from the intifada," she com-

'We have international law and legitimacy on our side. We have rights on our side. We also have lots of support - you would be amazed at the support we have not just from the co-sponsors and Tithe European countries, but n tremendous Arab support and a solidarity," Dr. Ashrawi said, adding that with hard work and dedication, "we are going to get

somewhere."

""A Palestinian delegate, Sa'eb Erekat, described the Madrid conference as a "very important step, but at the same time it is a

very small step. Dr. Erekat, professor of political science, told reporters that the Madrid conference was "only one centimetre in a road that is 100 kilometres long."

The outspoken professor, who caused an Israeli uproar when be declared on an American television network before the convening of the conference that the Palesticiae delegatico was appointed by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), said that pressure on Israel was essential for it to stop building its settlements in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan

He added that the world could keep asking the Jewish state to stop building new settlements but that they would not respond in

"If they have the money, they will continue to build settlements. if they don't have the money, they won't build the settlements. It's as simple as that," Dr. Erekat

Israel built a new settlement on the occupied Syrian Golan Reights on Monday, soon after the opening of the Madrid confer-

"I wonder how you can talk about peace and negotiating peace while obstacles are being built everyday," Dr. Erekat said. "And if Israel is going to be treated like a country above the laws of man, we have no hope for

Baker rebukes Israel for settlement

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who used the occasion to attack the Madrid talks as a failure. Mr. Baker said he was optimistic that Israel and at least one of the Arab countries would reach agreement on a venue for further talks. It was unlikely that would be Syria, Israel's staunch foe Which proved the most reluctant

to engage in negotiations.

"We'll be talking with these countries and we'll be talking with the parties to see if they can make progress," Mr. Baker said. "If there's no agreement... we will feel free to submit proposals"

on a site for future talks.

President George Bush and Soviet President Gorbachev, joint sponsors of the peace conference, were in Madrid last week to get the talks off the ground. Mr. Baker remained until Sunday, working with the parties to help set up bilateral sessions between Israel and the various Arab countries, including the joint Jordanian-Palestinian de-

Mr. Baker said the United States would be willing, if invited by the Middle East parties, to participate in their talks.

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Camp refugees show cautious optimism over Madrid talks

'The right of all to return would be total justice'

By Mariam Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - After 43 years of uninterrupted tensioo and conflict Palestinians and Israelis sat at a negotiating table as equals for the first time last week in Madrid. Under the guise of the new world order, the Palestioiaos, political analysts predict, will get back some of the land that was taken from them by the Israelis once the oegotiations are finalised in a year or two from now.

For many Palestinians however, a negotiated settle-ment which will bring the West Bank, Gaza and possibly parts of Jerusalem back under Arab rule is a partial justice and one that in all likelihood will exchide them.

For the 2.5 million registered Palestinian refugees, the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem is not home. Their homes, for which many still have deeds and keys, are in Jaffa, Haifa, Acre and other cities, towns and villages io the parts of Palestine that became Israel in 1947 and were occupied by Israel in 1948.

To them, the talks in Madrid were not unwelcome; return of parts of Palestine is better than nothing, they say; partial justice is better than none.

But they fear for their own future, they wonder if they will ever be given the opportunity to use the "right of return" guaranteed to them by the United Nations or if, as one women said, "We will be refugees forever."

Just outside Amman, in the Baqaa refugee camp, the atmosphere is "guarded." The 120,000 residents of this squalid camp are all refugees or desceodants of refugees from 1947-48. Despite the mentioo of the

right of return hy the head of the Palestinian delegation, Dr. Haidar Abdul Shafi, during his opening speech in Madrid last week, these 2.5 million people have been given little or no hope of return by the ongoing peace negotiations, Kifah, a 22-year-old student

and resident of the Bagaa camp, explains that his family as all others in the camp are: two time refugees. "My family fled the Jaffa area in 1947 and

fled the refugee camp where we lived in Jericho in 1967," he said. "We are not against a negotiated settlement if it briogs justice, but if it is just a new cloak of oppression and denial of rights, then we are not interested," Kifah said in a nervous voice. "Some people will be able to return if they make peace with Israel, but we will still be refugees," said Kifah convinced that the 1948 refugee issue would not be

While prior to the Madrid meeting many camp residents had said they did not believe that a land for peace settlement could occur, they felt that the United States had clearly shown at the conference that they woold put iocreasing pressure on Israel to comply with a land for peace solution.

Kifah had fervently watched the speeches and contacts in Madrid, on television, as had all of the people in Baqaa, but he said that hope was not a word he wanted to use just yet. "Shamir was very tough in

his speech. I think the Israelis

are going to be very tough and give us very little," Kifah said. Kifah's mother Nawal, 43, believes that the Israelis will be intransigent. "The Arabs will feel as if they had achieved something if they get even a small sliver of land," she said.

But the intransigence of the Israelis is harsh reality for the Palestinians and many of the camp residents now feel that they may be losers in peace just as they had been losers in war. "Our situation right now is not one of power and to the right of return may not be pressed for, but there will be no lasting solution for the Palestinians if the right of the 1947-48 refugees is not addres-

sed," Kifah explained.

"We are not interested in the balance of power," says Mahmoud, 21, another student, "We are interested in justice and justice says that if millions of Jews from all over the world have a right to settle in mandated Palestine, then we, most certainly, have that right as well," says Mahmoud. "Justice also says, that we stole nothing from anyone and yet we are treated like criminals, while those who broke the ten

Soviet Union are the conference's

for the Egyptian Foreign Minis-try, said Al Gomhuria's report

was speculative because the ques-

tion of what happens next re-

mians "up in the air."

Nagui Al Ghatrify, spokesman

Israel: Site for talks could be discussed The United States and the

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However Mr. Gol said there was nothing to the report.

An Egyptian newspaper said Canada, Japan, and Gulf oil states are likely to join the Middle East peace talks and belp finance a \$15 billion regional aid

Negotiations on the fund, probably in Moscow, would come during the next multilateral stage of the conference, Al Gomhuria

"It is now virtually certain that the bilateral talks will resume in Washingtoo in the third week of this month — oo Nov. 20 or 22," the newspaper said. "Multilateral talks will begin

later, and consultations are going on to fix a date. Moscow is the likely venue of the multilaterals if a final decision is made on Washington hosting the bilater-

commandments hy stealiog and killing are rewarded with billions of dollars in aid," he adds. If a Palestinian state were to be established in the West Bank and Gaza, Kifah says he would like to go to Jericho to live where other Palestine refugees of 1948 had lived from 1948 to 1967, "It is part of Palestine and it is closer to home," be said. Kifah said that the camp

people were pleased with the Palestinian delegation and the Coordinating Committee's efforts in Madrid. They were 'good," he said, mentioning Dr. Ahdul Shafi aod Dr. Ashrawi in particular. "They showed the world that we are good, educated people who can speak the language of

The attack on Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir by Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa had also been welcomed by the camp people. "He spoke the truth when he said that Shamir was a ter-

Going home

Feelings of uncertainty exist in other refugee camps as well. Two huodred thousand refugees are registered at the Hussein refugee camp, in the centre of Amman. About one third of the refugees are originally from the city of Lydda, where the Israelis built their national airport after terrorising the population into leaving and destroying the town in

Many of the refugees have been here since 1948 and insist that justice for them should mean going home. "I have nothing in the West Bank," said Siham Jaonin, a mother of ten and a resident of the camp since she was 6 months old. "I will be very bappy if there will be a Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, but that does not solve my problem, I want to go home, I want to go home to L'o.d: ," Siham said,

What will happen to us, where will we go, will we be refugees till the end of time?" she asked. Compensation instead of re-

patriation, says Siham, is not acceptable. She still remembers the sight of refugee tents as she grew up in the first camp in Jordan and believes that the Palestinian people should accept nothing less than total

Asked to define total justice, Siham explains that "the right of all to return would be total justice." She stopped short of saying that she would take Israeli citizenship to return to

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L.o.d , but said she would live as a Palestinian national in Lold, under Israeli rule. While no one has offered

such an option to the 1948 Palestinian refugees, the issue is one of major proportions in light of the fact that half the Palestinians in the world are registered refugees and are thus from the part of Palestine that became Israel in 1947-48.

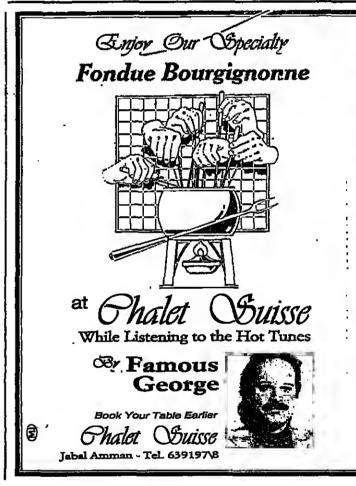
The refugees fear that the Palestinian state would become dependent on others for protection since the evident wish of the United States is to have a total disarmament of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. "If they will

Palestinians to carry arms, they must also disarm the Israelis; what guarantee will we have that the Israelis will not massacre us as they have in the past?" asked Siham.

Welcome

Siham and other camp residents praised the Palestinian delegation to Madrid. "Hanan was really good," said Siham with pride, talking about Dr.

But Siham said she would not move to the West Bank to live. "Why should I? My home is Lyod, and if I leave this camp, it will only be to go home."



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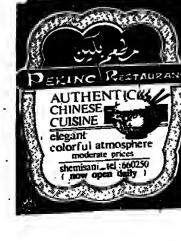
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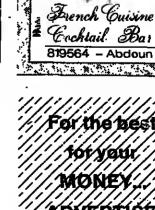
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Baltics readmitted to ITF

LONDON (R) — The Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have been provisionally readmitted to the International Tennis Federation (ITF). ITF spokesman Ian Barnes said Wednesday the decision, to be ratified by the federation's 1992 annual general meeting, would allow the three states to enter tennis players for next year's Olympic Games. Teams will also be able to enter the Davis Cup and Federation Cup in the Future. The ITF will not hold its annual general meeting until next September, a month after the Barcelona Olympics end. But Barnes said the provisional membership, granted by the ITF's Management Committee, was enough to allow the three newlyindependent states into the Olympic competition. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania were ITF members before being absorbed into the Soviet Union in 1940. Since regaining independence in September, they have been readmitted to the International Olympic Committee and a number of international sports bodies. The Baltic States have also been accepted as members of the International Handball Federation, the federation said Tuesday. On Sunday, the three republics were re-admitted to the Interna-tional Yacht Racing Union.

S. Korea seeks 10th place in Olympics

SEOUL (AP) - South Korea aims to capture 12 gold medals and place 10th in the 1992 Summer Olympics, top sports officials said. Sports and Youth Minister Park Chul-Un and Korea Amateur Sports Association President Kim Jong-Yol reported to President Roh Tae-Woo that all sports organisations will be put under a special Olympic system beginning Wednesday for efforts to meet the target. South Korea won 12 gold medals and ranked fourth in the 1988 Seoul Olympics, after the Soviet Umon, East Germany and the United States. Mr. Park said be expected the United States, Western Europe and China to perform strongly in the 1992 Olympics, with Soviet and East European athletic fortunes declining in the wake of political upheavals. He predicted that South Korea would win two gold medals each in judo, badminton, wrestling and archery and one each in weightlifting, boxing, table tennis and gymnastics.

Monaco beats Norrkoeping 1-0

MONACO (AP) - Monaco beat the Swedish club Norrkoeping, 1-0, in the second leg of the second round of the European Cupwinner's Soccer tournament. Monaco won the first leg two weeks ago, 2-1, and advanced with a total goal count of 3-1. Christophe Robert scored the only goal for Monaco at the 26-minute mark. He went through the defence to score an unassisted goal. Four other French clubs attempt to qualify later this week in the European tournaments.

Juventus advances to cup quarters

TURIN, Italy (AP) - Inventus of Turin clinched a berth in the quarterfinals of the Italian Cup by defeating Atalanta of Bergamo 3-1 in their second-led, third-round game. The Turin team scored decisive goals in the second half following a 1-1 halftime tie at delle Alpi Stadium. Atalanta, which had held Juventus to a goalless draw in the first leg in Bergamo, took an early lead in the 13th minute when defender Tebaldo Bigliardi-kicked in from ten metres following a melee. Brazilian defender Julio Cesar tallied the equalizer in the 43rd, with a shot from outside the penalty -area, on a free kick. Italian midfielders Eugenio Corini, on a controversial penalty kick in the 54th, and Angelo Alessio, on a fat counter-attack in the 76th, ended Atlanta's hopes. Latin American forwards, Claudio Caniggia and Carlos Bianchezi spoiled two good scoring chances for Atlanta while Salvatore "Toto" Schillaci failed to score.

Osasuna downs Stuttgart 3-2

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — Osasuna Pamplona of Spain shocked Stuttgart with two early goals Tuesday and went on to reach the third round of the UEFA Cup with a 3-2 victory over the German team. Osasuna's Polish striker Jan Vrban outsmarted the Stuttgart defence in the 8th minute to put the visitors ahead and Angel Mering made it 2-0 after another fast break in the 17th.

Urban finished off the Germans with his second goal two minutes into the second half. Guido Buchwald scored for Stuttgart in the 80th, and Eyjoelfur Sverrisson, the Iceland striker, capped the late German effort with a goal in the 89th. A crowd of 15,000 witnessed the game.

Athletes may undergo blood tests as early as 1992 Olympics

BARCELONA (R) — Olympic athletes may be subjected to blood tests to help detect drugs as early as next year's games in

Prince Alexandre de Merode of Belgium, chairman of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission, has said a decision depended on the outcome of current research.

He told a recent news conference after the second IOC World Congress of Sports Scientists a decision on the viability of blood testing for the 1992 games could be made following a meeting of the IOC executive board in Lausanne, Switzerland in Decem-

Previous indications had been that the earliest possible date for the introduction of blood tests was 1996, at the Atlanta Games. Prince De Merode said that

while few legal and ethical concerns over blood testing surfaced. the IOC was studying potential opposition on religious grounds. At the same time, measures

were being drawn up to ensure maximum security for blood samples, should they be used, be said.

Prince De Merode stressed that while his commission was proceeding "with all possible speed" towards a decision, the IOC needed to be cautions about such medical innovations.

"Blood tests must never replace the tests we now carry ont. If it happens, it must be urine and blood tests in conjunction," be Some substances are detectable

only in urine samples, and others only in blood. Within the Olympic movement

only the International Ski Federation (FIS) had conducted blood tests and these were not as broad in scope as the IOC required, Prince De Merode said.

On another testing issue, Prince De Merode said the IOC had rejected gender testing of women by visual examination, a practice piloted on a voluntary basis at the recent World Athle-

tics Championships in Tokyo. Such examinations were likely to cause some atheltes to withdraw on religious or cultural grounds, he said.

"It should not be up to us to determine who is a man and who is a woman," prince De Merode

At the six-day congress more than 1.300 scientists from almost 60 countries discussed sportsrelated studies in a dozen fields from Kinesiology to philosophy.
With several others, final

keynote speaker Andrew Pipe, chief medical officer for the 1992 Canadian Olympic team, called for an end to inconsistent drug penalties and practices among sports and between the 170 countries with National Olympic Com-

Prince De Merode told the news conference the IOC had recently established a snbsion to meet before the end of the year to tackle incomistent drug policies.

Dr. Pipe also endorsed the idea

of an IOC medial ethics commission to hold doctors and medical scientists more accountable as their roles within the Olympic movement expanded

Urging delegates to start policies their own fields of study, Dr. Pipe referred to case of Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, disqualified and banned from competition their testing positive for drugs after winning the 100 metres Olympics final in Seoul in

"In my country we are only too familiar with the tragic dimen-sions of drug scandal," Dr. Pipe declared. "Another scandal of that magnitude in my country will destroy for a decade the reputation of elite level sport. The public will not trust us any

The congress was the second of its kind, following one held in Colorado Springs in 1989. A third is due to be held in Lillehammer, Norway, in 1993, a year before the winter Olympics are held

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HOROSCOPE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You will feel a vital urge to achieve results by your own efforts today and put in motion an ingenious plan that brings success and a deep sense of satisfaction to you and associates.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You have the need now to act with complete honesty in all of your dealings and if yor can not deal with facts, then its best to

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Friends are very apt to cross you up where it means the most to you but do not blame them but be careful you do nothing to irritate them.

GRAING: (May 21 to June 21) Whatever brings you the distavour from one in high office could be particularly adverse for you now so try to do nothing that upacts anyone of influence.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) This is your time to make sure that you do hold steady to that plan that has proven satisfactory in the past and that you avoid going off on any tangents. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You would be wise to attent to whatever promises you have made in utter conscientious ness and even though you want to lash out at others use stern self-control. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22)

Take some time out to show you are one who does the tests facing you in a cheerful manner even though like Pagiacci you are smiling through tears. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You are easer for a good time now and if you economize and hold your activi-

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ties to those matters that you can avoid

SCORPIO: (October 23 to Nov SCORPIO: (October 2) to retrember 21) You have special creative gift that requires you devote a considerable lon-ger time to it if you are to have at operate for you in fullest potential.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Zip your lip at that big temptation to make a mide comment to one of your family who has gotten under you very sensative skin.

CAPEICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Think out what you can do to please others with whom you have daily contact rather than preoccupy yourself so intently with your own concerns. AQUARTIES: (January 21 to February 19) You feel you not have the right manner in which to bring prosperity to yourself but if you will make a special point to economize all is well.

PESCES: (February 20 to March 20)
You are highly wrapped up in getting
what you want the most and you feel
you have the right to use any method to
gain your aims is not good.

gain your arms is not good.

Taday's child: If your child were born today she or he will be one of those very determined and positive children who won't be threated in getting what they want. Have only the finest types of individuals and literature about this progeny so that their desires will be along the right lines and avenues of expression.

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HARRIS

By Harris

Korda, Mayotte upset in **Kremlin Cup competition**

Applemans survives first

round massacre of seeds

MOSCOW (AP) — Unseeded the world, outlasted Korda — the Austrian Mark Woodforde upset world's anti-canted player and a second-seeded Peter Korda of semifinalist here last year - de-Czechoslovakia 0-6, 6-2, 6-3 spite losing the first set 6-0. The Tuesday in the first round of the 23-year-old Czechoslovak used \$330,000 Kremlin Cup.

his countryman and last year's running all over the fast supreme Kremlin Cup finalist Tim Mayot-court indoor surface. te 3-6, 7-5, 7-5 in a close serveand-volley duel on the second day the second set with precision of first round play.
Other victors included defend-

who beat qualifier Florian Krumrey 6-3, 6-4 in an easy contest, errors in the third, and first seed Karel Novacek of Woodforde's don

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (R) -

Sabine Applemans of Belgium

and Soviet Natalia Medvedeva

were the only survivors of a first

round massacre of seeded players

at the \$150,000 Virginia Slims of

The fourth-seeded Applemans

needed three sets but avoided the

carnage that claimed the top

Applemans struggled to beat

last year's runner-up. Susan

Sloane-Lundy of the U.S. 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, while seventh-seeded

defending champion Medvedeva

onsted South African Elna

Reinach 6-1, 6-2. Australian Nicole Provis, who

last year dumped second seed

Helen Kelesi of Canada in the-

first round, led the upset wave by

s well as the fifth and sixth

Nashville tennis tournament.

an almost flawless serve-and-American Jim Grabb downed volley attack to send Woodforde

But Woodforde fought back in groundstrokes and underspin Other victors included defend-ing champion Andrei Cherkasov, just enough room to beat himself with double-faults and unforced

Woodforde's doubles partner, Czechoslovakia, who defeated Australian Tood Woodbridge, German Udo Riglewski 7-6, 6-2. lost to Soviet rookie Andrei Med-Woodforde, ranked 112th in vedev 7-5, 6-2.

beating top seed Conchita Mar-tinez of Spain 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Kelesi, seeded fifth this year,

Second seed Julie Halard of

was again a first round victim as

she went out to American Mary

France was crushed by compat-

riot Isabelle Demongeot 6-1, 6-1,

but third seed Radka Zrubakova

of Czechoslovakia nearly stem-

Zrubakova rolled through the

first set 6-1 against American-

Louise Allen, who did not get

into the draw until Tuesday when

Manon Bollegraf withdrew with

an elbow injury.

Allen battled back to win an

exciting second set tiebreak 9-7,

then added to the list of fallen

seeds by taking the decider 6-3.

Lou Daniels 6-2, 6-4.

med the tide.

Rehe upsets Garrison in Slims of California

OAKLAND, California (R) -Stephanie Rehe of the United States, ranked 146th in the world, celebrated ber 22nd birthday with a 6-2, 6-3 win over fourth-seeded American Zina Garrison in the second round of the \$350,000 Virginia Slims of California women's tennis tournament.

Top-seed Monica Seles of Yugoslavia received a first-round bye and is due to play a second round match against Britain's Monique Javar on Thursday

Second-seeded Martina Navra-

American Tami Whitlinger in the 28-player indoor tournament. The top four seeded players re-ceived first around byes.

Eighth-seeded Mary Pierce of France railied from 2-0, 30-40 down in the final set to beat American Peanut Harper 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 in a tense first-round

Rehe quickly opened up a 5-0 lead over Garrison, ranked 12th in the world, by aggressive play against Garrison's service games and strong serving even with her second serve.

HOROSCOPE

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: You can wage a campaign to get what you want today with far more chance of success because you are well versed in all the various factors that you need to be

ARRES: (March 21 to April 19) This is your day to do pretty much what you wish for the planetary positions are with you giving you enthusiasm and brilliant ideas.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You now find that you that you are spt to closeted with some influential person information you need in complete con

GEMINE: (May 21 to June 21) You can be most social today with very good results flowing to you through such a course of action so early make arrangements to see good friends. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July

21) Show you are the one who does understand your duties and privileges as a solid citizen and do those things that help your community. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Look to

those persons you have recently met for the answers to the questions that have been bugging you that require a quick solution for you.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Your need for a better set of circumstances in relation to personal or business dealings with others is great so devise with them a better system.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Think out a better course under which you can operate along with that fery but

brilliant associate who expects a great deal of you but neglects your wishes. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) This is the day for you to occupy yourself with enthusiasm at the work that brings you the greatest amount of

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to De-cember 21) This is one of your best to enjoy those entertainments that mean so much to you and without which you are inclined to droop and wilt. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to James

ary 20) Now you find it possible to get a better understanding with numbers of your own family and you can certainly open up a new harmony at home. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Get out and see those people who can in anyway aid you to make a better showing in your regular routines and make appointments for doctor, dentist

PISCES: (February 20 so March 28) PROCES: (February 20 so March 20)
You now have a clever idea how you
can add to your money and possessions
and not a moment should be lost but
consult with financial experts to in-

Today's child: If your child were born lousy's chalds if your child were born today she or be has it within their power to show others the best manner in which to uncover information that is needed. Teach this child early on not to allow their curiosity to become so intrigued with the personal business of others that

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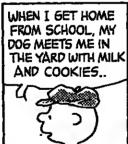
"Don't kiss me...mv rotten mood

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Jumbles: AGONY FINAL DUGOUT SUBMIT The teacher made him stand outside the classroom, and now he's become this kind of pupil—AN OUTSTANDING ONE

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flamboyant player in the world to-day is Zia Mahmood. The peripatetic Pakistani has decided to make his home in New York, and he was among the star performers at the recent Spring North American Championhips held in Atlantic City, N.J. His team reached the final of the Vanderbilt team event before succumbing to a squad led by Steve Robinson of Washington, D.C. Zin sat South on this deal from an earlier round in the team event. When his partner made a rather light raise of his club opening bid. Zia wasted no time in getting to

In the cold light of day it might seem declarer must lose a trump trick and two in hearts. However, after receiving the helpful, albeit normal, lead of the ace of diamonds; the Pakistani internationalist was quick to prove that appearances can be deceptive.

Declarer ruffed the opening lead and, after cashing the ace and king of trumps to reveal that the defenders had a sure trick there, crossed to the king of spades to take a heart discard on the king of diamonds. Two diamond ruffs were sandwiched around the ace of spaces and a space ruff on the board to bring about this ending:

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THE Daily Crossword by Martha J. De Witt





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Greek Drachma*	0.3697	0.3128
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Insurance Sector	126.43	126.16
Industry Sector	154.07	153.81
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midaession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

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Big U.S. banks drop lending rates

Federal Reserve lowers discount rate to 4.5%

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Federal Reserve (Fed) Board Wednesday slashed its key bank lending rate from 5.0 per cent to 4.5 per cent, the lowest level in 18 years and the fifth such move since December designed to ensure the U.S. economy's escape from recession.

'Action was taken against the background of sluggish expansion of the monetary and credit aggregates in an environment of abating inflationary pressures," the

announcement sa "The reduction, in part, also realigns the discount rate with other short-term market rates," it

The discount rate is the interest the Federal Reserve charges commercial banks for loans. Such a move usually results in lower interest on other loans, including consumer credit, and thus stimplates spending and economic growth.

The vote to lower the discount rate was 4-1, with Federal Reserve Governor Wayne Angell voting no.

The move followed by a day a meeting of Federal Open Market Committee, the central bank's monetary policy-making arm. Many analysts expected the committee to approve a further reduction in the federal funds rate

The Federal Reserve on Oct. 30 had permitted the federal funds rate to fall to five per cent from 5.25 per cent. But the reduction in the benchmark discount rate Wednesday was considered an even more dramatic signal that the central bank intends to battle economic weakness with easier credit.

Many analysts have expressed concern over the continuing sluggish nature of the recovery, some even fearing the possibility of a "double-dip" recession in which the economy turns down again after a brief rebound.

The decline was the fifth since Dec. 18, when the rate was lowered to 6.5 per cent from seven per cent, and dropped the rate to the lowest level since Jan. 15, 1973, when it was raised from 4.5 per cent to five per cent.

Each time the Federal Reserve lowered the discount rate since December, the move was accompanied by a drop in the federal funds rate, the interest banks

charge each other for overnight

The Federal Reserve board controls the discount rate, while the Federal Open Market Committee sets the targets for the

Federal Reserve policy is aimed at ensuring economic growth while avoiding inflation. During the late 1980s, when inflation was a threat, the bank boosted interest rates to slow price increase.

But as inflation slowed and higher interest rates took their toll on economic growth, the central bank began lowering the funds rate in mid-1989, trying to guide the economy into what became known as a "soft landing," rather than crashing into an actual downturn.

Still, after months of fits and starts, the economy fell into re-cession in July 1990. And as it grew weaker after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait the following month, the Federal Reserve let

rates fall faster. When the Federal Reserve lowered the discount rate to 6.5 per ent last December, it was the first such move in more than four years. As economic weakness persisted, the bank pushed the rate down to six per cent on Feb. 1 and to 5.5 per cent on April 30

and to five per cent on Sept. 18. The prime rate accompanied several of the Federal Reserve discount rate moves, falling from 9.5 per cent to 9.0 per cent on Feb. 1, to 8.5 per cent on May. 1 and to eight per cent on Sept. 13. Banks use this important interest rate to calculate a range of other loan rates including some types of

Shortly after the Fed annonncement major banks moved to lower their prime lending rates Wednesday a half percentage point to 7.5 per cent, the fifth decline this year and the lowest level in five years.

J.P. Morgan and Co. was the first to announce the prime rate cut, effective immediately. It was closely followed by Bankamerica Corp., Manufacturers Hanover Corp., Chemical Banking Corp., First Chicago Corp. and Citicorp.

Other major commercial banks were expected to follow . the move, which lowers the cost of borrowing money to millions of ordinary bank customers and

TOKYO - A dull bond market, weaker yen and fears of

delays in a hoped-for discount rate cut pushed the Nikkei

FRANKFURT -- The Dax Index closed 1.90 points lower

at 1,574.22. The market shrugged off a cut in the U.S. discount rate during trading after the official close.

PARIS — Store groups stood out as gainers but other shares shrugged off a cut in the U.S. discount rate. The

CAC-40 Index lost 10.35 points to 1,836.06, its lowet since

LONDON - Chancellor of the Exchequer Norman

Lamont said sustained non-inflationary recovery was in

sight. The FTSE 100 Index closed down 6.7 points to

NEW YORK - With a widely expected Fed easing of

interest rates out of the way, investor attention shifted to

the weak economy. At 1738 GMT the Dow Jones

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The bond market, an important barometer of economic and interest rate trends, rallied on the news. The U.S. Treasury's 30-

year bond rose about \$5 per \$1,000 face value in early trading. The prime rate reflects a bank's costs of borrowing money, including interest it pays on savings accounts or certificates of deposit, and trails more subtle increases in other interest rates.

This rate is important because bankers use it as a basis for calculating loans to businesses and for determining many types of fixed and adjustable-rate consumer loans.

Frank Barkocy, senior vice persident and bank analyst for Advest Inc., said the cut in the prime and discount rates were welcome but doubted they would help jumpstart the economy, which has been languishing since this summer.

"I just wonder how much of a stimuli we might see in the economy from a prime rate cut," Mr. Barkocy said.

Problems with loans and foreclosed real estate continue to haunt many of the nation's banks, leading bankers to severely curtail lending as they rebuild their balance sheets. It's questionable whether they will be more willing to make loans regardless of the interest-rate level.

President Bush said Tuesday that cutting taxes to try to stimmlate the economy would send interest rates "right out through the roof."

Mr. Bush, who has been vacillating on whether to send Congress a new package to spur economic growth, said he still hasn't made up his mind. But he told reporters in a White House picture-taking session:

"What I don't want to do is come up with a growth package that just further burdens the American taxpayer. And I'm not going to do that."

Referring to the crop of tax-cut proposals that have sprouted on Capitol Hill, Mr. Bush said. some of these suggestions that shoot the long-term interest rates right out through the roof are simply anacceptable. I'm talking about the idea of getting broad tax cuts without regard as to what it does to long-term interest rates or the (1990) budget agreement."



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Western firms keen to start manufacturing in Gulf Arab countries

MANAMA, Bahrain (R) — Western firms flocking to a post-Gulf war trade exhibition say they want to set up manufacturing plants in the region to cash in on business interest sparked by

ing part in a "Rebuild Kuwait" About 1,000 exhibitors are takbition in Bahrain. Many are newcomers to the Gulf.

Businessmen who knew little about the region before Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August last year — especially those from the United States and Canada - say they are planning export drives to the region.

Others hoped to set up manufacturing plants with Gulf partners to export to global markets. They are being urged on by Gulf states auxious to diversify their economies away from oil.

Cheap energy, transport, feedstock and labour imported from Asia and the Far East - coupled with lower taxes than in Europe and North America - are the main attractions.

"There are a number of people who did not know the area prior to the crisis and now see it as a potential market," Alan Brisco, president of the Toronto-based Denison International group of companies told Reuters.

Most see it as a place to come and sell something. But I think it has more industrial capacity than most people realise - Saudi Arabia in particular," he added.

Mr. Brisco said one of the firms under the Denison umbrella was negotiating with Saudi contacts to set up a plant to produce steel industrial ladders in the king-

The company, International Health Safety and Environment INC, was also planning two plants in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) -- one to produce a

type of "superwood" made from

processed garbage and another to make oil adsorption sponges from the petrochemical polypropylene. We're looking to export from here to markets outside the Gulf... the Far East, Europe and

Pacific rim," he said. Ronald Anderson, executive director of the Hardwoods Development Council of Pennsylvania, said he was doing market research for 5,000 small firms interested in exporting to the Gulf or setting up assembly plants

for furniture and cabinets. "Since the war a lot of our companies have said they're thinking about doing business in this market," he said.

Norman Hahn, president of the Pennsylvania firm Conestoga Wood Specialities, said he was negotiating to set up an assembly plant in Saudi Arabia.

"We think there are a lot of opportunities here," said Mr. Hahn, on his first trip to the Middle East.

Many Western exhibitors said U.S. and British involvement in the allied campaign which drove Iraq from Kuwait in February had helped smoothed their path

into Gulf markets. There's no question in my mind that since the war some Gulf countries have actually eased regulations for foreign companies to do business in this

American Business Alliance said. Firms from 40 countries are participating in the six-day show which opened in Bahrain Satur-day. Despite the theme, most exhibitors said they had met few Kuwaiti businessmen and were seeking business contacts from

the whole area. "My impressioin from the first two days is that maybe we ought to set up in Saudi Arabia," Kenneth Parslow, managing director of U.K. firm Isotemp Ductwork

Mr. Parslow, visiting the Middle East for the first time, said he was interested in launching a plant for air conditioning ducts in the kingdom because the price of steel was 30 per cent lower than

Theodore Gentile, North American sales manager for the Minnesota-based firm Daneco, said it was bidding for a \$15-30 million contract from Kuwait's Organic Fertiliser Company to build a large compost plant serv-

ing Kuwait City.

Three joint venture plants using Daneco's "green" technology in the UAE were now competing for garbage which they processed into organic fertiliser for farmers

in the area, he said. "In the U.S. we wouldn't be doing this without a lot of regula tion — here people do it because it's profitable and serves an environmental concern at the same time," he said.

"It's much easier to do business here because procedure requirements are more simple and less area," Jerred Peebles, director of expensive," he added.

Romania announces currency convertibility in free market move

BUCHAREST (R) - Romanian Prime Minister Theodor Stolojan Wednesday announced a bold shake-up of the currency exchange system in a bid to rescue the country from economic collapse and draw it closer to a free

The measures, which include the introduction of currency convertibility and a freeze on some hard currency accounts, are a signal to world financial bodies that Romaina is breaking definitively with four decades of communist central planning.

Mr. Stolojan announced the shake-up to parliament after a year in which industrial and farm output, foreign trade, and finan-cial reserves all plummeted, prices tripled and energy stocks reached disastrously low levels. It was his first major policy

initiative since taking office last month after prime minister Petre Roman was forced from power by

Mr. Stolojan said the hard currency bank accounts of stateowned firms would be frozen immediately and the national bank would buy up the cash for local currency at a rate resulting from the unifying of the present clumsy two-tier exchange system.

"Romania can get access to foreign resources only if it proves its commitment to a market economy," Mr. Stolojan said in a hard-hitting state-of-the economy The only such way is unifica-

tion of the exchange rate and the internal convertibility of the leu," he said. "The two-tier excha rate aggravates inflationary pressure in the economy." Until now the leu was quoted

at an official rate of 60 per dollar. In an interbank market, launched last February as a step towards convertibility, it has recently fluctuated between 260 and 300. On the black market the rate

was less favourable than the bank rates but Romanians often preferred to change money illegally rather than queue in banks.

Mr. Stolojan said the central bank would merge official and interbank rates and the new float-

ing rate would be "at an economically sustainable level" somewhere between the two. He said the future exchange

rate would be set through an enlarged daily interbank auction market and that the len would be the sole currency for payments on Romanian territory. Individual citizens would be

free to change money only at anthorised banks or exchange offices.

Mr. Stolojan cited statistics

In 1989 — the last year of communist rule — Romania had a trade surplus of \$2.4 billion. Last year it recorded a deficit of \$1.8 billion. For the first nine months of 1991, the deficit was

\$1.2 billion He also listed figures showing Romania had only secured a small fraction of the energy it needed for winter because of the fall in export revenues, which was aggravated by the the two-tier exchange rate.

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JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES CO., LTD. ANNOUNCEMENT

Jordan Phosphate Mines Co. Ltd. announces that the closing date of Tender No. 18F/91, (for the supply of two calcining drums) have been extended until 12 hours local time Saturday Nov. 30, 1991.

> **Wasef Azar Managing Director**

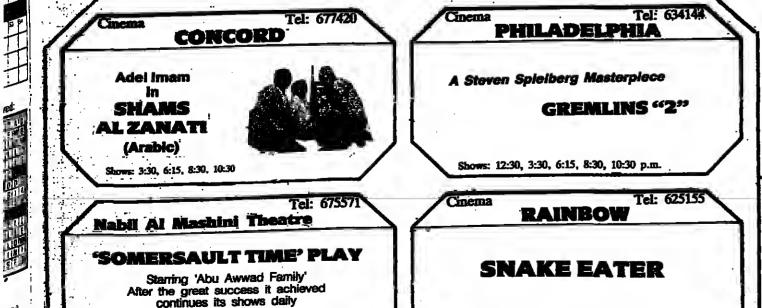
Announcement From The Ministry Of Water And Irrigation **Water Authority**

Contracts 26/91 Through 45/91

Further to the announcement published on 12/10/1991 concerning the issuance of the above mentioned contracts financed by the World Bank Loan No. 3306 JO. The Water Authority draws the attention of all bidders and embassies who have obtained the Tender Documents that new amendments were issued and could be collected. from the Tenders Division/Water Authority's main building

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Serbia accuses Croatia of 2nd attack on its territory

SELGRADE (R) — Serbia accused the rival Yugoslav Republic of Croatia Wednesday of mounting a second attack on its territory in a new blow to peace hopes after talks with the European Community (EC) broke up without agreement.

Tanjug News Agency said 10 grenades fell on Apatin, a town of 18,000 people on the Serbian side of the Danube River border between the two republics, shortly before midnight Tuesday.

Three houses were damaged but no one was hurt, it said. It was the second attack on Serbian soil in 12 hours as the Serb-led Yugoslav army fought Croatian militias with artillery and mortars across Croatia Tuesd ...

Serbia said the border town of Sid was shelled earlier, killing four people in Croatia's first major assault inside Serbia.

Seri an Prime Minister Dragutin Zelenovic visited Apatin, 140 kilometres northwest of the Serbian and Yugoslav capital Belgrade Wednesday. He blamed the attack on Croatia and criticised the growing influence of

"On the global plane, the activities of the countries who lost

investigates

TENERIFE, Canary Islands (AP) — The death of Robert

Maxwell, the tabloid tycoon.

whose unde body was found floating near his \$21 million yacht, is as intriguing as the story

of the troubled empire he ran

The brash, rotund 68-year-old

publisher, who died Tnesday, had

skipped an appearance a day ear-lier because he reportedly took

An autopsy was expected Wednesday in Tenerife, off the

Moroccan coast. Authorities

questioned the crew of the Yacht

and Angel Delgado, the island's

civil governor, was personally

Spanish National Radio said

clothed and showed no signs of

Mr. Maxwell's body was found

violence. Maxwell was last seen

before dawn Tuesday on the

yacht, 14 hours before a rescue

helicopter pulled his body ont of

Maxwell's Mirror Group News-

papers said the 180-foot (60

metre) vessel was cruising when

Maxwell was last seen, walking

It said in a statement that he

had been the yacht's only passen-

ger, in addition to about a dozen

crew members. The publisher

was said to be taking a few days

The Daily Mirror of London.

off from his hectic work schedule.

Maxwell's flagship newspaper,

said he had dinner alone in a

restaurant on Tenerife then re-

boarded the yacht and instructed

his crew to cruise all night at sea.

the \$2 billion global publishing

empire be personally ran, which includes the New Ynrk Daily

News, is burdened with debt.

Mr. Maxwell had been selling

assets to raise money to meet a

\$750 million payment due in

In addition, Mr. Maxwell had

political troubles. He was suing

American journalist Seymnur

Hersh for alleging in a new book

that he had ties to Israel's Mossad

spy agency.
Two of his sons, both in their

30s, assumed the helm Tuesday

and pledged to run the empire-

with the same zeal as their father.

In London, Charles Wilson,

diretor of the Mirror Group, said

there had been no suggestion of foul play in the death: "We can

only assume that Mr. Maxwell

slipped and fell overboard."
"Mr. Wilson also ruled out

suicide, saying: "He had too

much of the arrogance of his own

ability to conceive of such a

Mr. Maxwell was a big man

with a powerful bass voice who

browbeat his editors, fought a

titanic running battle with rival

publisher Rupert Murdoch, and

jetted about the world visiting

presidents and prime ministers.

"My primary duty is to hire and fire editors," he said recently.

Born Labji . Hoch to Jewish peasants in Czechoslovakia, Max-

well lost his parents during World War II and escaped to Britain in

1940. He was a highly decorated

Mr. Maxwell's oldest son, Phil-

lip, flew to the Canary Islands with Maxwell's widow, Elizabeth,

World War II veteran.

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October 1992.

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decided to realise the domination they earlier aspired to through wars, are in question," Mr. Zele-

"What happened in Sid and last night in Apatin is also an organised approach of Croatian fascists who are in the service of the above-mentioned countries,' Tanjug quoted him as saying. Croatian Radio said the federal

army attacked the nearby Danube town of Vukovar late Tuesday. The Croatian towns of Karlovac and Osijek also came under fire overnight.

Fighting has raged in Croatia since many of its 600,000 Serbians took up arms to oppose its decaration of independence from Yugslavia on June 25.

Croatia, a republie of 4.5 million people, says more than 2,500 Croats and an unknown number of Serbs and federal soldiers have been killed since June.

Croatia has denied reponsibility for the attack on Sid. It has not commented on the Apatin On Tuesday, the latest peace

talks with the community in the Hague broke up after Serbia rejected for the third time an EC peace plan to group the six grade Tuesday for a one-day visit

alliance, spelling the end of the Yugoslav state created in 1918.

The four other republics replan suggested by Serbia and its ally Montenegro allowing Serbs in Croatia and in their territories to be united with Serbia and other republics wishing to remain in a single state.

Britain's Lord Carrington, the

chairman of the EC talks, said the warring sides had agreed to order a 12th ceasefire since fighting began but he was doubtful if it

"Given the failure of previous ceasefires, I am not sanguine that this latest attempt will succeed where others have failed," he

Serbia now faces the prospect of EC economic sanctions for But Lord Carrington said in a

radio interview that sanctions were unlikely to end the fighting. The problem we have... is that we don't really have any sanctions. We don't have any weapons with which we can stop this," be said.

Cyrus Vance, a former U.S. secretary of state, arrived in Belas the personal envoy of United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

"Vance expressed the profound concern of the international community at the escalation of the Yugoslav crisis," Tanjug said after be met Yugoslav Foreign Minister Budimir Loncar. Mr. Vance is also due to meet

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, Yugoslav Prime Minister Ante Markovic and Federal Defence Minister General Veliko Kadijevic. Meanwhile, German Chancel-

lor Helmut Kohl said Tuesday that if European Community peace efforts in Yugoslavia failed, Croatian independence would have to be recognised as a

"I am full of doubt that this (EC-hrokered plan) can suc-Mr. Kohl said during a panel discussion with students in the east German university town of Jena.

He enmmented that the Serbian-dominated Yngoslav army, fighting to prevent the Croatian Republic's breakaway from the multi-ethnic Yugoslav Federation, seemed to have escaped the control of political authorities.

Ukraine to sign economic

union treaty

KIEV, USSR (AP) - Ukraine's parliament voted Wednesday to allow its prime minister to sign a treaty creating a new economic community out of the old Soviet

The decision was a victory for Ukrainian Prime Minister Vitold Fokin as well as for Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who has sought to hold all the republics together in an economic un-

Parliament voted 236-96 to allow Mr. Fokin to sign the economic treaty provisionally. After that, it will then be submitted to the lawmakers for ratification. The Ukraine abstained when

eight republics signed the treaty market

But its participation — as well as that of Moldavia, which said Tuesday that it would sign leaves only Georgia and Azerbaiian out of the pact.

Lawmakers in the increasingly independent Ukraine - the agri cultural and industrial powerhouse of the Soviet Union expressed concern that the treaty left too much power in the hands of the central government,

"Tve done everything possible to convince parliament that Ukraine needs to enter the ecnomic community as a fully fledged member," Mr. Fokin said before the vote.

Floods kill NATO to unveil new 2,200 in strategy at Rome summit **Philippines**

ORMOC, Philippines (R) — Huge floods and landslides triggered by tropical storm Thelma killed at least 2,260 people and destroyed thousands of homes across the central Philippines, re-The Rome summit, almost ex-

lief officials said Wednesday. Bodies of children drowned in water up to 10 feet (three metres) deep lay in the streets of the worst-hit town of Ormoc, where local officials said at least 2,000 people died when the storm hit Tuesday, deluging farms and vil-

Corpses were piled on every street of the town on Leyte Is-

"People are walking around like zombies. Everyone has a death in the family," said Cebu Governor Emilio Osmena, who flew down to inspect the devastation across the town of 120,000

Rescue workers used municipal trucks to ferry the bodies 50 at a time to the local cemetery where residents dug common graves for those not identified or claimed by

"There's at least 2,000 dead ere," estimated Maria Victoria Locsin, mayor of Ormoc, some 560 kilometres south east of Man-

Corpses were covered with sheets and straw mats. Some were piled up in wooden boxes. Residents said strong winds hurled cars down the streets and

some were blown into the sea. Funeral pariours in the town were overflowing with bodies, and local officials appealed to the government to send supplies of Formalyn to smother the stench of the corpses.

Mr. Osmena appealed for extra coffins

The death toll across the central Philippine islands of Leyte and Negros was estimated by relief officials in the Leyte capital of Tacloban at more than 2,260. At least 700,000 people were affected by the disaster, the worst flooding to hit the Philippines in seven years, and more than 50.000 were made homeless.

We expect more reports of casualties to come in. Rescue operations are being hampered by lack of electricity," said Colonel Orville Gabuna, regional police commander based in Tacloban.

MANILA (R) — The Philippines

Wednesday ordered 16 American

bodyguards of Imelda Marcos out

of the country, the latest tiff

working without government per-

Mr. Vance, whose group is

composed mostly of former U.S.

Secret Service agents that had guarded five U.S. presidents, told reporters he and his men woud

phal return from exite.

leave Thursday.

ROME (R) — NATO leaders Some European NATO allies will unveil a new strategy at a led by France, have also worried

landmark summit which starts Washington and countries like Thursday, pledging majur Britain with plans to set up forces changes in the Western alliance's military forces and offering formal ties to their cold war enemies for the first time.

actly two years after the Berlin Wall was opened, will chart a new course for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) now that the Soviet-backed military threat to the West has col-"The summit will open a new

chapter in the history of the the old quarrels with the French alliance, a time for genuine peace and partnership," U.S. Secretary of State James Baker said Tues-

day.
The 16-nation alliance's new strategy, replacing a document that is 25 years old, no longer talks of a threat to the West and promises close cooperation with the Soviet Union and other members of the former Warsaw Pact to build security in Europe.

NATO leaders will offer to hold regular meetings of foregin ministers with those countries and the newly-independent Batlic states — the first of them next the stability of the Atlantic month in Brussels — to discuss military and security issues.

But they will not offer security guarantees for any form of membership to Eastern European nations like Hungary and Czechoslovakia, which are worried about turmoil in the Soviet Union and other economic and social prob-

NATO argues that it will remain "an anchor of stability" for Europe, and that such guarantees are unnecessary, despite the fact that some Eastern European nations have requested them.

NATO diplomats says the two-day summit will also help resolve some disagreements simply preparing for war as the among member nations and it will make a strong commitment that the United States, the alliance's senior member, should remain involved in European security.

The trans-Atlantic link is vital

to NATO, but it has come under strain recently. There is growing pressure in the United States to slash defence spending and make many basic tenets of alliance able deeper cuts in the U.S. troops to guarantee the security of its presence in Europe than planned. Washington currently expects to lear weapons stationed in halve this to around 150,000. Europe.

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Mareos's lawyer Antonio

Coroncl said the widow of the late

dictator Ferdinand Marcos felt

outraged but did not wish to flout

It was the latest tangle between

Mrs. Marcos and the government

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laws," said Vance, head of the

U.S.-based Vance International

Investigative Services and a for-

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Immigration chief Andrea accompanied Marcos from the

Domingn summoned Charles United States on her return from

Vance, head of face arrest for nearly six years' exile to face

former first lady since her trium- dent Gerald Ford.

Manila expels Mrs. Marcos' bodyguards

more independent of the alliance millions perhaps run by the European Community (EC) as it takes a

bigger role on the world stage.
But France, which resents U.S. leadership of NATO and has long been at odds with its allies, has signed up to most of the new strategy — for the first time since it left the alliance's military structure in 1965.

"The task for the summit will be a fine balancing act of solving while convincing the United States that this is still a worthwhile alliance," one sening NATO diplomat told Reuters.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl sought to reassure Washington Wednesday that Germany remained a loyal ally despite the fact that it supported Paris in moves to create a European

"A united Europe is in the long run unthinkable without a common European defence," Mr. Kohl told parliament, "This is neither an expression of doubt of alliance, nor an attempt to create a competing body."

The controversial question of European defences is the only issue that could provoke a row at the summit, but alliance officials say it will probably not be taken any further ahead of an EC summit in the Netherlands next

NATO's new strategy says the West still faces risks from instability in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, the Balkans, North Africa and the Middle East. It says the alliance will slash

both conventional and nuclear forces, reducing the role than alliance has done since it was founded in 1949. The smaller forces will be res-

tructured into multinational units, some of them able to deploy anywhere on NATO territory quickly as "rapid reaction" But the strategy also reaffirms

member nations, with some nuc-

of President Corazon Aquino,

in a 1986 popular revolt.

who ousted her and her husband

On her arrival Monday Mrs.

Marcos refused to comply with

security rules, striding out of

Manila airport through the ordin-

ary passengers' exit instead of

leaving in a secure car down the

She suffered public humiliation

Tuesday when she was finger-

printed in court on tax evasion

Mrs. Aquino has repeatedly rebuffed Mrs. Marcos's requests

for a meeting with her, saying she

COLUMN

Thieves dig tunnel to bank, steal

16 Namb BOGOTA (AP) — Colombian thieves made off with millions of dollars in jewels and cash after breaking into a bank through a 60-foot (20-metres) tunnel they dug and equipped with lights and telephones, bank officials say. The air-conditioned tunnel, bolstered by wooden walls, was be-gun inside a cafeteria near the entre of downtown Bogota and surfaced underneath the safety deposit boxes in the state-owned Caja Agraria Bank, police said. Law enforcement authorities discovered the robbery Tuesday, after a three-day holiday weekend, long after the thieves escaped. The authorities said they would immediately begin investigating how the tunnel could be built through the busty downtown without detection. Among the stolen goods were diamonds; emeralds and cash, said holders of safety deposit boxes at the scene. One box holder fainted when she heard her valuables had been taken. A statement from Caja Agraria's management said only 8 per cent of the bank's 2,500 boxes were sacked

Woman scalped while sleeping

BALTIMORE (AP) - A woman who was scalped as she lept in a bedroom was recoverng Tuesday after surgery, police said. "Never in my 18 years of police work - and I've seen some pretty bizarre things. have I seen anything quite like said homicide detective David Brown. Sheila Cowherd, 3, was in stable condition Tuesday at the University of Maryland shock trauma centre said Rochelle Cohen, a hospital spokeswoman. The woman's scalp was cut off from her forehead to the back of her neck, said police, who were searching for her boyfriend to question him. Ms. Cowherd was found at the home of several elderly people, where she had asked to lie down Monday evening after arriving intoxicated, police said. Ms. Cowherd and her boyfriend were friends with one of the residents, The boyfriend knocked on the door later in the evening and asked to use the bathroom. He left the house 10 minutes later, authorities said. Another occu pant found the woman minutes later in a second-floor bedroom, semiconscious and bleeding heavily from the head, police said. They told officers they heard no sounds of a struggle. A weapon was not recovered but several double-edged razor blades were found in the room, police said. The scalp was found under the bed, police spokesman Dennis Hill said. The hospital wouldn't comment on whether it was reattached during surgery.

1 in 4 French did not read a book iast year — study

PARIS (R) — One in four French people did not read a single book last year, according to a study published Tuesday after the opening of France's glittering literary prize season. But the survey by the National Publishers Association showed that the top 10 per cent of French readers devoured more than 50 books each in 1990. The study found sales of science fiction increased almost six-fold last year while sales of detective novels fell by more than a quarter. It gave no reason. Alarmed by the growing number of people who prefer television to books in a country which has long prided itself on its intellectuals, Culture Minister Jack Lang has launched a campaign to encourage the French to read. It is called "the rage of reading."

China computerises 2,000-year old Art Of War'

PEKING (R) — China's People's Liberation Army has designed a computer system to study "The Art Of War," a 2,000-year-old classic of Chinese military strategy written by the General Sun Tzu. The official China Daily has said the army's Logistics Engineering Institute had programmed the computer system with contributions by over 500 Chinese and foreign military experts as well as 100 indices containing over 1.5 million bytes of data. "The new system is capable of providing reference to any part of the world-famous work, as well as analysing the basic thoughts of the master military strategist," the newspaper

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet last week suggested turning the Foreign Ministry is to be re- Foreign Ministry into a consultavamped and its staff drastically tive body and reducing its funding

increasingly independent Soviet sies abroad. republics plans to open its own embassies,, Mr. Pankin told a news conference.

sed at Monday's meeting of the State Council, the top interim Soviet institution following last August's failed coup.

But the said participants suggested the ministry, to be renamed the Ministry of External Relations, could undergo reductions of 30 to 40 per cent in its staff of about 3,500.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin said.

meeting agreed on conducting a single foreign policy, Mr. Pankin told reporters, and no republic are to close, but none of the insisted on having its own embas-

> Andrei Grachov, a spokesman for Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, said the cuts were part of plans announced last week to merge or do away with 80 govern-

ANC charges assassination plot as gunmen kill 2

andra Wednesday in what the ANC called a political assassina-

dra branch office about 8:45 a.m. (0645 GMT).

about these indiscriminate killings," she said.

The strike was opposed by the ANC's main rival, Zulu chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party, which has a strong presence in Alexandra. Inkatha and the ANC have been locked in a bitter power struggle

Senate Tuesday overwhelmingly confirmed Robert Gates as head

of the Central Intelligence Agen-cy (CIA) following a six-month

fited from a split within Democra-

and a woman was found stabbed Two men were found shot near the Natal province town of

A spokeswoman for the pro-ANC Human Rights Commission said 20 anti-apartheid leaders were assassinated in the year to June and the rate of killings had increased since then.

"We have seen an increase in the number of targeted attacks. September alone," she said. Inkatha's violence study unit

said Tuesday that 25 local leaders of the mainly Zula movement had been assassinated since January. The unit said three people had

a peace pact on Sept. 14. In Cape Town, police arrested ANC organiser Mxolisi Petane on charges of murder and attempted

Campbell said police declined to give details of the charges against Mr. Petane, a veteran of South Africa's Robben Island political prison and the movement's local bead of political education.

Police said four people were killed Tuesday in political attacks dence against him," she said. timidation. There won't any evi-

Bush stung by defeat in U.S. Senate race

Attnrney General Richard in Mississippi in off-year bal- middle-class tax cuts.

In a third surprise, Washington State rejected an effort to slap term limits on state officials and its members of Congress, House Speaker Tom Foley among them. message" to Mr. Bush. A proposal to make Washington the first state to legalise doctorassisted suicide failed as well.

Democratic Lt.-Gov. Brereton Jones was elected Governor of Kentucky over a veteran Republican congressman hampered by an admission be had bounced checks at the house bank.

Mayors Ray Flynn in Boston and Kurt Schmoke in Baltimore easily won new terms. But the trend ran toward anti-

Maynr John Rousakis of Savannah. Georgia, was turned out of office after 21 years; and Houston's Kathy Wnitmire after

APPOINTED Democratic Sen. remaining in the term of the late Harris Wafford upset former Sen. John Heinz.

"I think I was just lucky to be Thornburgh in Pennsylvania the messenger of a message that Tuesday night in a race with was there," exulted Mr. Wofford, ominous overtones for President who campaigned as an advocate George Bush. Republican Kirk of nationwide health insurance, Fordice stunned Gov. Ray Mabus extended jobless benefits and

Mr. Thornburgh conceded defeat in Penssylvania, and the state's other senator, Republican Arlen Specter, said the returns should be read as a "very strong "There are many, many

domestic issues that have to be faced," he said. "I think this tells (Bush) what a very major state is thinki The White House declined to

comment. But Mr. Bush, increasingly criticised for the time be devotes to foreign affairs, announced as the polls were closing that he was scrapping planned two-week Asian trip later this Ronald Brown, chairman nf

the Democratic Party, called the Pennsylvania verdict "a special sign" because it involved the kind of campaign that will be waged against Mr. Bush next year. Rejection of the term limitation measure was good news, too, for the Democrats, and a setback for Republicans who hope to use such plans to unseat entrenched

The term limitation measure was rejected in defiance of preelection polls and predictions that it might gain as much as 70 per cent of the vote. Mr. Foley, whose 27-year career could have

Democratic majorities in Con-

led a last-minute campaign

counted, the measure was losing, 53 per cent to 47 per cent. The tally on the "death with dignity" measure was 55 to 45 against, with 56 per cent of the

Independent Shawn O'Hara had the balance.

"They thought that this was an impossible accomplishment," said Mr. Ordice, 57. "I think this was a mandate for change." In Kentucky, Mr. Jones won with 65 per cent of the vote, to 35 per cent for his Republican rival, Rep. Larry Hopkins, in final returns. The victory by Mr. Jones, a former West Virginia Republi-can, extended a 24-year Democratic hold on the governor's

Republican state legislator George Allen was elected to the House from Virginia. He led Democrat Kay Slaughter, 62 per cent to 35 per cent, with 90 per cent of the votes tallied. Mr. Allen replaces retiring Republican D. French Slanghter, Kay

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Republican, swept to victory in his race to succeed ontgoing fourterm Mayor William Hudnut III. in Houston, where Mr. Whitmire was ousted, wealthy developer Bob Lanier and state Rep. Sylvester Turner headed into a December runoff. San Francis-

tain assault weapous liable for damage caused by their use. The city struggles perpetually with violent crime. Texans approved a statewide

crown jewel of off-year balloting, with the White House and the nation's entire political establishment watching closely in anticipation of the 1992 presidential and congressional campaigns. Mr. Wnffnrd, 65, waa appointed to the sear after Mr. Heinz, a Republican, was billed in a plane crash last apring. Mr. Thoraburgh, 59, a seement two-Thornburgh, 59, a per term governor, quickly became an overwhelming favourite when he resigned his cabinet post to ladelphia, gaining roughly 40 per make the race.

ordeal that laid bare painful disoutes within the spy agency. the CIA ladder was stymied in nine. Republicans gained control The vote was 64 for 31, a strong of the New Jersey legislature for the first time in two decades, 1987 when President Ronald margin despite the taint of the Iran-contra affair that clung to Reagan named him to head the agency but he was forced to capitalising on public anger about a tax increase pushed through last withdraw under the cloud of Iran-Mr. Gates through much of the confirmation hearings and charges that he tailored intelli-

President George Bush said in a statement issued after the Sengence reports to suit the political views of Rengan administration ate's action that the "vote is a confirmation that Bob Gates has higher-ups. the professional expertise and ex-Backed by a solid phalanx of perience to lead our intelligence Republicans, Mr. Gates benecommunity during these changing

Soviet Foreign Ministry to be revamped, staff cut

cut as part of a major restructur- by 90 per cent. ing of government institutions, Foreign Minister Boris Pankin

Soviet Trade missions abroad

He declined to give figures on the magnitude of the cuts discus-

"This will all depend on how

All participants in Monday's

Mr. Pankin said Soviet trade missions were "outdated structures" and would be dismantled and replaced by trade and economic departments within embas-

ment ministries. He predicted the reductions would cause between 30,000 and 50,000 redundancies, most of. we re-evaluate the old and new them in Moscow. But many of functions, taking into account those thrown out of work would coordination with ministries of probably find alternative work

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Gun-men killed two African National A man was shot in Alexand Congress (ANC) members in the Johannesburg townshsip of Alex- in Tokoza, east of Johannesburg.

ANC official Mary Ntingane said local activist Jama Makhosi and another ANC member, whose name was not known, were shot at close range as they waited to be let into the Alexan-

"This was an assassination. We believe a pattern of attacks is developing against ANC members and officials. There is mounting anger in the township

Police said a .38 calibre pistol was used in the attack, which followed a two-day national strike organised by the ANC and the allied Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) as a show of anti-apartheid muscle.

A man was shot in Alexandra

Escourt.

Twelve people were killed in this sort of hit squad action in

been murdered since Inkatha, the ANC and the government signed

ANC spokeswoman Rosie

"We are sure this is just in-

Gates confirmed as CIA chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — The tic ranks to survive the longest and most controversial approval process ever for a CIA nominee. incumbency. Confirmation also reversed the sharpest setback in the career of Mr. Gates, whose swift rise up

> Mr. Wofford, a lesser-known underdog when the campaign be-gan last spring, had 1,717,903 votes or 56 per cent of the votes, to the Republican Thornburgh's 1,372,187 or 44 per cent, with 93 per cent of the precincts tallied. He will serve out the three years

been curtailed by the proposal,

With 56 per cent of the vote

The Republicans could rejoice in Mississippi, though, where Mr. Fordice became the first Republican governor in more than a century. With 99 per cent of the votes counted, be had 355,452 votes or 51 per cent, to Mr. Mabus' 329,924 or 47 per cent.

Slaughter's cousin. In the other House race. Democrat Lucien Blackwell beat three rivals to success former Rep. William Gray III in PhiNewly elected mayors included

Democrat Ed Rendell in Philadelphia and former Republican Rep. Steve Bartlett in Dallas. Democrat Deedce Corradini was elected the first woman mayor of Salt Lake city.

In Indianopolis, former prosecutor Stephen Goldsmith, a

co Mayor Art Agnos was running second and appeared headed for a runoff with former Police Chief Frank Jordan. Washington, D.C., voters voted overwhelming to make manufacturers and sellers of cer-

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